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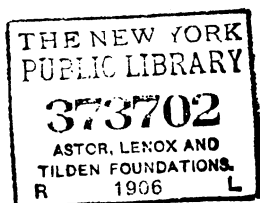
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ARTICLE I.

A  
DISSERTATION  
ON THE  
GEOMETRICAL ANALYSIS  
OF THE  
ANCIENTS.

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IT is universally allowed that Mathematical Studies are attended with much pleasure and delight, and that they are in a particular manner captivating and engaging to those whose genius and bent of mind lie that way; and it is equally certain that they are profitable as well as pleasant. From the proper cultivation of them many emoluments accrue to society, and many improvements are made in civil life. But setting aside these public advantages, for which the world must be indebted to men of superior ability and exalted genius, qualified by nature to extend the

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bounds of science, and to derive practical improvements from their abstract reasonings; I would now only recommend these studies, as useful to men of all ranks, professions, and abilities, in their private capacities. They help greatly to fix the attention, to enlarge the understanding, to methodise our ideas, and to improve our reasoning faculties, when we apply them to any other science whatever. Great regard was had to these sciences by the ancients in their education of children; and they ought certainly to have a principal share in the education of gentlemen and scholars, if we would have them taught to think justly, or to reason well. Of all the branches of mathematical science, none conduces more to the great ends here mentioned than Geometry. The simplicity of its first principles, the clearness and evidence of its demonstrations, the admirable concatenation of its parts, and regular connexion of the propositions with one another, tend greatly to establish a habit of close thinking, and a methodical and just argumentation, when we apply ourselves to any other subject whatsoever, physical or moral, æconomical or civil.

But I know not how it happens, this noble science seems of late to have met with less regard than its dignity and usefulness demand. Our schools and universities\*, our philosophical societies, and philomaths of all degrees, seem to have been very assiduous of late in paying their devoirs to the younger sister *Algebra*; and at the same time to have overlooked, and in a great measure neglected, those native charms, that amiable simplicity, and those more attractive excellencies, that peculiarly belong to the elder. I

\* The reader is referred to some late resolutions taken in the university of Cambridge.

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would not be thought any ways to disparage the *algebraical* art, or to derogate from its merits; they are doubtless very great. All the branches of the mathematics are much indebted thereto; and even *Geometry* itself has, within this last century, been surprisingly extended and improved thereby. But, notwithstanding this, I must affirm that, for those who apply to the mathematics only for the ends above-mentioned, namely, to inure themselves to a method of close thinking and just reasoning, *Geometry* is the proper field: and that those who but moderately exercise themselves therein, will sooner attain their purpose than others that may go far greater lengths in the intricacies of *Algebra*, and the labyrinth of *Fluxions*.

It is but too common a practice with young students, after having gone through the *Elements* of *Euclid* in a cursory manner (or perhaps having substituted in their place some other *superficial* and *less geometrical* elements) from henceforth to bid adieu to all demonstrations strictly geometrical, and to employ themselves in the consideration of algebraical equations, infinite series, the algorithm of fluxions, the properties of curve lines, and other parts of the *higher Geometry*, when, perhaps, they are but very superficially acquainted with the first elements of the *plane*. If they read a system of conics, they will be sure to make choice of one, where the demonstrations are algebraical; and when they apply themselves to the solution of geometrical problems, here again they will have recourse to their *Algebra*, not at all apprised, perhaps, of any other analysis; being utterly unacquainted with the method of resolution and composition so carefully observed by the ancient geometricians. Such students may become dextrous calculators, but such a



method of proceeding tends very little towards bettering the judgment, or improving the invention.

The study of Geometry, I say, is the most proper for young men to pursue, in order to acquire a vigorous constitution of mind, and is as conducive thereto as exercise is towards procuring health and strength to the body. *Logical* precepts are useful, and indeed necessary for those that are engaged in public disputations, or controversial writings, in order to put to silence an obstinate adversary. But, ‘in the search of truth, an imitation of the method of *geometers* will carry a man further than all the *dialectical* rules. Their *analysis* is the proper model we ought to form ourselves upon, and imitate in the regular disposition, and gradual progress of our enquiries\*.’

We are told by Dr. *Pemberton*†, ‘that Sir *Isaac Newton* used to censure himself for not following the Ancients more closely than he did; and spoke with regret of his mistake, at the beginning of his mathematical studies, in applying himself to the works of *Descartes*, and other algebraical writers, before he had considered the Elements of *Euclid* with that attention so excellent a writer deserves. That he highly approved the laudable attempt of *Hugo de Omerique* to restore the ancient *analysis*.’ Now what the great Sir *Isaac Newton* so highly approved, it is the intention of this publication more particularly to specify and recommend. Little has yet been done toward the attainment of this laudable purpose of restoring the ancient *analysis*. The writer just mentioned is very little known in England. The

\* Essay on the Usefulness of Mathematical Learning. Oxf. 1701.

† In the preface to his View, &c.

author

author of this small tract is willing to contribute his mite, and very desirous to revive a proper taste for pure Geometry. He has annexed a collection of *Theorems*, and likewise a few *Problems*, to be solved by the *Geometrical Analysis*; he has been more sparing in the latter, because plenty of them are continually proposed in periodical publications. It is not pretended that they are new ones; but they are such as rarely occur to them for whose use they are principally intended. Not above four or five of them, I believe, have ever appeared in English before; and they are all taken from authors which seldom fall into the hands of young men. They will serve, therefore, as proper exercises for young students to try their strength upon.

But before they set themselves to this work, I would recommend a very careful and reiterated perusal of the *Elements*, and after that as diligent an application to that valuable remains of antiquity, the book of *Euclid's Data*, both which they will find most complete in Dr. *Robert Simson's* edition. When they have made themselves perfect masters of these, they may then betake themselves to the solution of geometrical propositions by a geometrical analysis; either that of the Ancients derived from the *Data*: or, if this should be thought too tedious and troublesome, they may abate somewhat of its rigour, and still make use of a similar method; but I would have them by no means content themselves with algebraical resolutions, even though they should be able to derive constructions from thence, and also to demonstrate synthetically the truth of the same. How they proceed with success I shall endeavour briefly to explain.

*Resolution*, then, or *Analysis* is the method of proceeding from the thing sought as taken for granted

through its consequences to something that is *really* granted; and *Composition* or *Synthesis* is a reverse method, wherein we lay that down first which was the last step of the *Analysis*, and tracing the steps of the *Analysis* back, making that antecedent here which was consequent there, till we arrive at the thing *sought*, which was put as granted in the first step of the *Analysis*.

Where we are to apply this method of *Resolution* to *Theorems*, we must first lay what is therein affirmed down as true, and then consider the necessary consequences flowing therefrom, deducing one consequence from another, till we arrive at last at some one, which is evidently true or evidently false, as may appear by an axiom, or an elementary proposition, or by what is called *Exposition*, i. e. the nature and structure of the figure. When the former is the case, the *Theorem* is true and may be demonstrated by the method of *Composition*; but when the latter is the case it is false, for all truths are consistent with each other. An example will clear this more than many words.

## T H E O R E M.

The square of a line bisecting the verticle angle of any triangle, together with the rectangle under the segments of the base made thereby, is equal to the rectangle under the sides containing that angle.

## A N A L Y S I S.

Suppose this to be true, viz. that  $BD^2 + ADC = AB \cdot BC$ , (Fig. 1) and let a circle be circumscribed about the triangle, and BD produced to meet it in E,

E, and EC joined. Now  $ADC = BDE$  by Euc. III. 35. Therefore  $BD^2 + ADC = BD^2 + BDE = EBD$  by II. 3. Therefore, also,  $AB \cdot BC = EBD$ . Now this we shall find to be true by the Elements, hence the theorem is also true; for the triangles ABD and EBC are similar, having the angles at A and E equal as standing on the same circumference, and the angles at B in each equal by *Exposition*, therefore by VI. 4.  $AB : BD :: BE : BC$  and by VI. 16.  $AB \cdot BC = EBD$ .

### S Y N T H E S I S.

$AB \cdot BC = EBD$  (as proved in the Analysis)  $= BD^2 + BDE$  by II. 3.  $= BD^2 + ADC$  by III. 35. *Q. E. D.*

It will be very proper for young students to endeavour to obtain a variety of demonstrations of one and the same proposition, deduced from different principles; hereby they will be able to discover which are the most simple and elegant, and greatly improve their taste and judgment. An instance of the great fecundity of Geometry, in this respect, is given in the beginning of a periodical work published a few years ago under the title of the BRITISH ORACLE, where there are given fifteen demonstrations of one and the same theorem, all independent of each other, and derived from very different principles and constructions. I shall now, therefore, proceed to give another demonstration of the foregoing theorem, not as more simple than the preceding, but as less so, and further fetched. It was, however, given by an author of no small note in the last century.

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## ANALYSIS.

With one of the angular points at the base as center, and the adjacent segment as radius, describe a circle, which let cut the adjacent side in F, and the same produced in G, and the bisecting line in K.  $AB : BC :: AD : DC$  by VI. 3. and  $AB : BC :: AB^2 : AB \cdot BC$ , and  $AD : DC :: AD^2 : ADC$  by VI. 1. Therefore by V. 19.  $AD : DC :: AB^2 - AD^2 : AB \cdot BC - ADC$ . Now  $AB^2 - AD^2 = AB^2 - AF^2 = GBF$  by II. 6.  $= DBK$  by III. 36. and  $AB \cdot BC - ADC = BD^2$  by hypothesis (for  $AB \cdot BC$  is put  $= BD^2 + ADC$ .) therefore  $AD : DC :: DBK : BD^2$ . But  $DBK : BD^2 :: BK : BD$  by VI. 1. Therefore  $AD : DC :: BK : BD$ , which is true by Theorem LVIII. in the following collection.

## SYNTHESIS.

$AD : DC :: BK : BD$  (by the Theorem)  $:: DBK : DB^2$  by VI. 1. Now  $DBK = GBF$  by III. 36.  $= AB^2 - AF^2$  by II. 6.  $= AB^2 - AD^2$ . Therefore  $AD : DC :: AB^2 - AD^2 : BD^2$ . Moreover  $AD : DC :: AD^2 : ADC$  by VI. 1. Therefore by V. 12.  $AD : DC :: AB^2 : BD^2 + ADC$ . Now  $AD : DC :: AB : BC$  by VI. 3. and  $AB : BC :: AB^2 : AB \cdot BC$  by VI. 1. Therefore by equality  $AB^2 : BD^2 + ADC :: AB^2 : AB \cdot BC$ , and by V. 9.  $BD^2 + ADC = AB \cdot BC$ . — Q. E. D.

Here it is evident that this demonstration falls short of the preceding, because it does not flow immediately from an elementary proposition, but in order



der to its ratification the fore-cited Theorem LVIII. must be previously demonstrated as a lemma.

When a *Problem* is proposed to be solved, we must apply our method of *Resolution* thus. We must conceive the thing required to be already done, and from this supposition we must reason, deducing one consequence from another, and proceeding step by step, till we can arrive at something that is granted, something that may be affected by means of the postulates and elementary propositions, something which (in the style of the Ancients) is given, or a *Datum*; which, if we can do, we shall then be able to form our *Synthesis*, or *Composition*, by making the *Datum* we arrived at in the last step of our analysis, the first step or foundation of our synthesis; and then reasoning in a retrograde order, and taking the same steps back again, we shall deduce one consequence from another, till we arrive at the original *Quæsitum*, or thing required to be done in the problem proposed, which was the first thing laid down and supposed in our analysis.

Take the following example, being the 155th proposition of *Pappus's* VIIth Book.

### P R O B L E M.

It is required in a given segment of a circle from the extremes of the base *A* and *B*, (Fig. 2.) to draw two lines, *AC* and *BC*, meeting at a point *C* in the circumference, and such that they shall have a given ratio to each other, viz. that of *F* to *G*.

### A N A L Y S I S.

Suppose the thing done, and that the point *C* is found; then, by way of preparation or construction,  
or

or something to found our analysis upon, let us suppose that a tangent to the segment at the point C is drawn, which meets AB produced in D. Now by hypothesis  $AC : CB :: F : G$ , also  $AC^2 : CB^2 :: AD : DB$ , which is thus proved.

Since DC touches the circle, and BC cuts it, the angle  $DCB = BAC$  by III. 32. Also the angle D is common to both the triangles CDB and CDA, therefore they are similar, and by VI. 4.  $AD : DC :: DC : DB$ , hence  $AD^2 : DC^2 :: AD$  by VI. 20. cor. But also by VI. 4.  $AD : AC :: DC : CB$ , and by permutation  $AD : DC :: AC : CB$ , or  $AD^2 : DC^2 :: AC^2 : CB^2$ , therefore by equality  $AC^2 : CB^2 :: AD : DB$ .

But the ratio of  $AC^2 : CB^2$  is given (by Prop. LVII. in Dr. Simson's edition of the *Data* \*) because the ratio of  $AC : CB$  is given, therefore, also, that of  $AD : AB$ . Now, since the ratio of  $AD : DB$  is given, therefore, also, by *Data* VI. that of  $AD : AB$ , and hence by *Data* II. AD is given in magnitude.

And here the analysis properly ends. For it having been shewn that AD is given, or that a point D may be found in AB produced such, that from it a tangent being drawn to the circumference, the point of contact will be the point sought; we may now begin our composition, or synthetical demonstration, which we must do by finding the point D, or laying down the line AD, which we affirmed to be given in the last step of our analysis.

\* Dr. Simson has altered the order of the propositions of this book, but by marginal figures referred to the original order in the Greek text.

## SYNTHESIS.

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*Construction.* Make as  $F^2 : G^2 :: AD : DB$  (which may be done, since  $AB$  is given, by making it as  $F^2 - G^2 : G^2 :: AB : DB$ , and then by composition it will be as  $F^2 : G^2 :: AD : DB$ ) and then from the point  $D$  thus found draw a tangent to the circle, and from the point of contact  $C$  drawing  $CA$  and  $CB$  the thing is done.

*Demonstration.* Since by *construction*  $F^2 : G^2 :: AD : DB$ , and also  $AD : DB :: AC^2 : BC^2$  (which has been already demonstrated in the analysis, and may be here proved in the same manner.) Therefore  $F^2 : G^2 :: AC^2 : BC^2$ , and consequently  $F : G :: AC : BC$ . *Q. E. D.*

Here we see an instance of the method of *Resolution* and *Composition*, as it was practised by the Ancients, for the solution here given is that of *Pappus Alexandrinus*. But because the method of referring and reducing every thing to the *Data*, and constantly quoting the same, may appear to many to be very tedious and troublesome: and, indeed, it is unnecessary to those who have already made themselves masters of the substance of this valuable book of *Euclid*, and have, by practice and experience, acquired a facility of reasoning in such matters; I shall therefore now shew how we may abate something of the rigour and strict form of the ancient method of demonstration, without diminishing any part of its admirable perspicuity and elegance. And this I shall do by instancing in another solution or two of the same problem.

But before I do this, it may be proper to take notice that, in this business of the resolution of problems, every thing cannot be brought within strict rules,



rules, nor any infallible directions given whereby a man may be enabled to succeed in all possible cases; but that there is need of a previous preparation, a kind of mental contrivance and construction, in order to form a connexion between the *Data* and *Quæsitæ*, which must be left to every one's own sagacity to find out. And it is on this very account chiefly that I recommend the exercise and employment of solving *Geometrical Problems* as a means to help our invention, and to improve and strengthen our reasoning powers, when we employ them on any other subject of a different nature. And here it is that the geometrician shews his taste and acuteness in choosing the proper foundation whereon to build the most elegant construction and demonstration; and the mathematical reader his judgment in being able, amidst a variety, to distinguish the same. However some people may be apt to ridicule the notion of taste, when applied to these subjects, yet I do maintain that the word and thing signified thereby is very properly applicable thereto: and I believe all true mathematicians will bear me out, when I affirm that a man may shew as much taste in being able to distinguish between the different degrees of elegance in mathematical demonstrations, as a student in the *Belles Lettres*, or a professed critic can by his right relish for the *sublime* or *pathetic* in poetry or oratory.

But to return: before we begin our analysis, I say there is most commonly some preparation necessary, in order to form a connexion between the *Data* and *Quæsitæ*, which cannot fall within any rules, but is various according to the various nature of the problems proposed. Right lines must be drawn in particular directions, or of particular magnitudes, bisecting, perhaps, a given angle, or perpendicular to a given line; tangents from a given point to a given curve;

curve; circles must be described from a given centre with a given radius; or touching given lines or other given circles; or such-like other operations. Whoever is conversant with the works of *Archimides*, *Apollonius*, or *Pappus*, knows very well that they all found their analysis upon such-like previous operations. Now the great skill of the analyst consists in discovering the most proper *effections* whereon to found his analysis: and young students ought to exercise their abilities and improve their sagacity therein; for the same problem may frequently be constructed many different ways, and many different demonstrations given of the same, which I shall now exemplify by giving two more different solutions of the aforesaid problem.

### A N A L Y S I S.

Let us suppose then again that the thing is done, *i. e.*  $AC : CB :: F : G$  (fig. 2) and let the base of the segment be cut in the same ratio in the point E; then EC being drawn will bisect the angle ACB by VI. 3. consequently if the circle be completed, and CE produced to meet it in K, the remaining circumference will also be bisected in K; therefore the point K, as well as E, being given, the point C must also be given.

### S Y N T H E S I S.

*Construction.* Let the given base of the segment AB be cut in the point E in the assigned ratio of F: G by VI. 10. and complete the circle by III. 25. bisect the remaining circumference in K by III. 30. join KE and continue it to meet the circumference in C, and drawing CA, CB, the thing is done.

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*Demonstration.*

*Demonstration.* Since the arc  $KC =$  the arc  $KB$ , the angle  $ACK =$  angle  $BCK$  by III. 27. therefore  $AC : CB :: AE : EB$  by VI. 3. but  $AE : EB :: F : G$  by *construction*; therefore  $AC : CB :: F : G$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

Again: this problem may be solved in another manner, by considering it in a little different light; for it is the same thing required, as having the base of a triangle given, together with the vertical angle and the ratio of the legs, to find the triangle.

Let  $P =$  the given angle, or, in other words, the angle in the given segment. Set off upon the legs of the angle  $P$ ,  $PM$  and  $PQ$  in the assigned ratio of  $F : G$ , and join  $MQ$ ; then upon the given base  $AB$  make a triangle  $ACB$  similar to  $MPQ$  by VI. 18. and the thing is done; and the demonstration follows immediately from VI. 4.

Having now given a specimen of what kind of solutions I would have the young student endeavour after, I have nothing further to add, but to advise him, when he undertakes a proposition, not to be discouraged by one or two fruitless attempts, and thereupon throw it aside, or ransack books for the solution; but if he would profit by this exercise, let him persevere, encouraged by the words of *Syrus* in the play:

*Nil tam difficile est quin querendo investigari potest.*

## ARTICI

## ARTICLE II.

*Containing the first Eight Propositions of STEWART'S  
GENERAL THEOREMS, being all that the Author  
has demonstrated.*

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 PROPOSITION I. Fig. 3.

**I**F from A the vertex of any triangle ABC there be drawn AD to any point D in the base, and DE, DF be drawn parallel to AC, AB meeting AB, AC in E, F, the sum of the rectangles BAE, CAF will be equal to the square of AD together with the rectangle BDC.

About the triangle ABC let there be a circle described, and let AD meet the circle in G; join BG, CG, and from the point E draw EH making the angle AHE equal to the angle ABG, and produce AB to any point K.

Because the angles AHE, ABG are equal, the points E, B, G, H, are in a circle, therefore the rectangle BAE is equal to the rectangle GAH. The angle EHD will also be equal to the angle GBK, that is, to the angle ACG. And because AC, DE are parallel, the angles EDH, GAC will be equal; therefore the triangles EDH, GAC will be similar; and therefore AC will be to AG as DH to DE; therefore the rectangle contained by AC, DE, that is, the rectangle CAF, is equal to the rectangle contained by AG, DH. But because the rectangle BAE is equal to the rectangle GAH, and likewise the rect-



angle CAF equal to the rectangle contained by AG, DH, the sum of the rectangles BAE, CAF will be equal to the rectangle GAD, that is, equal to the rectangle ADG together with the square of AD. But the rectangle ADG is (III. 35.) equal to the rectangle BDC; therefore the sum of the rectangles BAE, CAF is equal to the square of AD together with the rectangle BDC. *Q. E. D.*

## PROPOSITION II. Fig. 4. 5.

In the right line AB take any point C between the points A, B; and from the points A, B, C let there be drawn right lines to any point D; the square of AD together with the space to which the square of BD has the same ratio that BC has to CA, will be equal to the rectangle BAC together with the space to which the square of CD has the same ratio that EC has to BA.

*First.* When the point D (fig. 4.) is not in the line AB.

Draw AE, DF parallel to CD, AB meeting BD, AE in E, F.

Because the square of BD is to the rectangle BDE as BD to DE, that is, as BC to CA, the rectangle BDE will be the space to which the square of BD has the same ratio that BC has to CA; and because the square of AF, that is, the square of CD, is to the rectangle EAF as AF to AE, that is, as BD to BE, or BC to BA, the rectangle EAF will be the space to which the square of CD has the same ratio that EC has to BA. But (Prop. I.) the square of AD together with the rectangle BDE, is equal to the rectangle BAC together with the rectangle EAF; therefore the square of AD together with the space  
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to which the square of  $BD$  has the same ratio that  $BC$  has to  $CA$ , is equal to the rectangle  $BAC$  together with the space to which the square of  $CD$  has the same ratio that  $BC$  has to  $BA$ . *Q. E. D.*

*Second.* When the point  $D$  (fig. 5.) is in the line  $AB$ .

Draw  $CE$  perpendicular to  $AB$ , and let  $CE$  be equal to  $AC$ ; join  $AE$ ,  $BE$ ; draw  $BF$  parallel to  $CE$  meeting  $AE$  in  $F$ ; and draw  $DG$  parallel to  $CE$  or  $BF$  meeting  $AE$ ,  $BE$  in  $G$ ,  $H$ ; and join  $GC$ ,  $HC$ .

Because  $AC$  is equal to  $CE$ ,  $AD$  will be equal to  $DG$ ; therefore the square of  $AD$  will be equal to twice the triangle  $ADG$ ; and because the square of  $BD$  is to the rectangle  $BDH$ , that is, twice the triangle  $BDH$ , as  $BC$  to  $CE$ , or  $CA$ , twice the triangle  $BDH$  will be the space to which the square of  $BD$  has the same ratio that  $BC$  has to  $CA$ . Again, because  $AC$ ,  $CE$  are equal, the rectangle  $BAC$  will be equal to twice the triangle  $AEB$ ; and because  $EG$  is to  $EF$ , that is,  $CD$  to  $CB$  as  $GH$  to  $BF$ , or  $AB$ ,  $CD$  will be to  $GH$  as  $BC$  to  $AB$ ; therefore the square of  $CD$  will be to the rectangle contained by  $CD$ ,  $GH$ , that is, twice the triangle  $GCH$ , or  $GEH$ , as  $BC$  to  $AB$ ; therefore twice the triangle  $GEH$  will be the space to which the square of  $CD$  has the same ratio that  $BC$  has to  $AB$ . But it is evident, that twice the sum of the triangles  $ADG$ ,  $BDH$  is equal to twice the sum of the triangles  $AEB$ ,  $GEH$ ; therefore the square of  $AD$  together with the space to which the square of  $BD$  has the same ratio that  $BC$  has to  $CA$ , is equal to the rectangle  $BAC$  together with the space to which the square of  $CD$  has the same ratio that  $BC$  has to  $AB$ . *Q. E. D.*

**COROLLARY.** If from the vertex of any triangle there be drawn a line bisecting the base, the

sum of the squares of the sides of the triangle will be equal to twice the square of the line bisecting the base together with the sum of the squares of the segments of the base.

### PROPOSITION III.

#### THEOREM I. FIG. 6.

Let there be any regular figure ABC circumscribed about a circle, and from any point D within the figure let there be drawn DE, DF, DG perpendicular to the sides of the figure; the sum of the perpendiculars DE, DF, DG will be equal to the multiple of the semidiameter of the circle by the number of the sides of the figure.

Join DA, DB, DC. The figure ABC will be divided into as many triangles as there are sides in the figure; and because every one of the triangles is equal to half the rectangle contained by the base and the perpendicular drawn from the vertex to the base, and all the bases are equal, because the figure is regular; therefore the sum of all the triangles will be equal to half the rectangle contained by the sum of the perpendiculars and one of the sides of the figure; and therefore twice the figure will be equal to the rectangle contained by the sum of the perpendiculars and one of the sides of the figure. But the rectangle contained by the semidiameter of the circle and the sum of the sides of the figure, is equal to twice the figure; therefore the rectangle contained by the sum of the perpendiculars DE, DF, DG, and one of the sides of the figure, is equal to the rectangle contained by the semidiameter of the circle and the sum of the sides of the figure; and therefore the sum of the



the perpendiculars DE, DF, DG will be to the semidiameter of the circle, as the sum of the sides of the figure to one of the sides of the figure, that is, as the number of the sides of the figure to one; therefore the sum of the perpendiculars DE, DF, DG is equal to the multiple of the semidiameter of the circle by the number of the sides of the figure. *Q. E. D.*

### LEMMA II. Fig. 7.

Let there be any circle ABC, and let AD be a tangent to the circle in the point A; from the point A let there be drawn AB to any point B in the circle, and let BD be perpendicular to AD; the square of AB will be equal to the rectangle contained by BD and the diameter.

Let AC be the diameter of the circle, and join BC, because the angles ACB, BAD are (III. 32.) equal, and the angles ABC, BDA likewise equal, because both right, the triangles ABC, ADB will be similar; therefore AC will be to AB as AB to BD; therefore the square of AB is equal to the rectangle contained by BD, AC. *Q. E. D.*

### PROPOSITION IV.

#### THEOREM II. FIG. 8, 9.

Let the circumference of a circle be divided into any number of equal parts in the points A, B, C, &c. and from the points A, B, C, &c. let there be drawn right lines to any point D, the sum of the squares of AD, BD, CD, &c. will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn from the center of the circle



circle to the point **D** by the number of the points **A**, **B**, **C**, &c. together with the multiple of the square of the semidiameter by the same number.

*First.* When the point **D** (fig. 8.) is in the circumference of the circle, it is to be shewn that the sum of the squares of **AD**, **BD**, **CD**, &c. is equal to twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter by the number of the points **A**, **B**, **C**, &c.

Let there be a regular figure circumscribed about the circle, touching the circle in the points **A**, **B**, **C**, &c. and draw **DE**, **DF**, **DG** perpendicular to the sides of the figure; because the square of **AD** is (*Lem. 1.*) equal to the rectangle contained by **DE** and the diameter, and likewise the square of **BD**, equal to the rectangle contained by **DF** and the diameter, and so on; it is evident that the sum of the squares of **AD**, **BD**, **CD**, &c. will be equal to the rectangle contained by the sum of the perpendiculars **DE**, **DF**, **DG**, &c. and the diameter. But because (*Pro. III.*) the sum of the perpendiculars **DE**, **DF**, **DG**, &c. is equal to the multiple of the semidiameter by the number of the sides of the circumscribed figure, that is, by the number of the points **A**, **B**, **C**, &c. the rectangle contained by the sum of the perpendiculars **DE**, **DF**, **DG**, &c. and the diameter, will be equal to twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter by the number of the points **A**, **B**, **C**, &c. therefore the sum of the squares of **AD**, **BD**, **CD**, &c. will be equal to twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter by the number of the points **A**, **B**, **C**, &c.

*Q. E. D.*

*Second.* When the point **D** (fig. 9.) is not in the circumference of the circle, it is to be shewn that the sum of the squares of **AD**, **BD**, **CD**, &c. is equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn from the center of the circle to the point **D** by the number

number of the points *A, B, C, &c.* together with the multiple of the square of the semidiameter by the same number.

Let *E* be the center of the circle, and join *DE*; let *DE* meet the circle in the point *F* on the other side of the center *E*, and join *AE, BE, CE, &c. AF, BF, CF, &c.* the square of *AD* together with the space to which the square of *AF* has the same ratio that *EF* has to *ED*, will (Pro. II.) be equal to the rectangle *EDF* together with the space to which the square of *AE*, or *EF*, has the same ratio that *EF* has to *FD*, that is, together with the rectangle *EFD*; and therefore the square of *AD* together with the space to which the square of *AF* has the same ratio that *EF* has to *ED*, will be equal to the square of *DF*. The same way it is shewn that the square of *BD* together with the space to which the square of *BF* has the same ratio that *EF* has to *ED*, is equal to the square of *DF*, and so on; therefore the sum of the squares of *AD, BD, CD, &c.* together with the space to which the sum of the squares of *AF, BF, CF, &c.* has the same ratio that *EF* has to *ED*, will be equal to the multiple of the square of *DF* by the number of the points *A, B, C, &c.* but because the sum of the squares of *AF, BF, CF, &c.* is equal (by the first part of this) to twice the multiple of the square of *EF* by the number of the points *A, B, C, &c.* the space to which the sum of the squares of *AF, BF, CF, &c.* has the same ratio that *EF* has to *ED*, will be equal to twice the multiple of the rectangle *FED* by the number of the points *A, B, C, &c.* therefore the sum of the squares of *AD, BD, CD, &c.* together with twice the multiple of the rectangle *FED* by the number of the points *A, B, C, &c.* is equal to the multiple of the square of *DF* by the same number; and therefore the

the sum of the squares of AD, BD, CD, &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of DE, EF by the number of the points A, B, C, &c.  
*Q. E. D.*

COR. I. Let there be two circles having the same center, and let the circumference of one of the circles be divided into any number of equal parts, and from the points of division let there be drawn right lines to any point in the circumference of the other, the sum of the squares of these lines will always be the same.

COR. II. Let there be two regular figures inscribed in a circle, and from all the angles of both figures let there be drawn right lines to any point, the sum of the squares of the lines drawn from the angles of the one, will be to the sum of the squares of the lines from the angles of the other, as the number of the sides of the one to the number of the sides of the other.

### LEMMA II. Fig. 10, 11.

Let there be any number of right lines AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. intersecting each other in the point A, and making all the angles about the point A equal; let there be any circle passing through the point A, the circumference of the circle will be divided by the lines intersecting each other in the point A into as many equal parts as there are lines.

*First.* When the circle does not touch any of the lines intersecting each other in the point A (fig. 10.).

Let AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. meet the circle in B, C, D, E, &c. because the angles BAC, CAD, DAE, &c. are equal, the segments BC, CD, DE, &c. will be equal. Let BE be the segment in which the point  
 A is;



A is; draw BD, ED to any point D in the circle, the angle BDE will be equal to the angle adjacent to the angle BAE, that is, to the angle BAF, or BAC; therefore the segment BAE is equal to the segment BC.

*Second.* When the circle touches one of the lines intersecting each other in the point A (fig. 11.) let it touch AB, and let AC, AD, AE meet the circle in C, D, E; because the angle CAD is equal to the angle DAE, CD will be equal to DE, &c. join CD; and because the angle ADC is equal to the angle CAB, that is, to the angle CAD, or DAE, the segment AC will be equal to the segment CD, or DE. The same way it is shewn that the segment AE is equal to the segment DE, or DC; therefore the lemma is evident. Q. E. D.

## PROPOSITION V.

### THEOREM III. FIG. 12, 13.

Let there be any regular figure circumscribed about a circle, and from any point let there be drawn perpendiculars to the sides of the figure; and likewise a right line to the center of the circle, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars to the sides of the figure, will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn to the center by the number of the sides of the figure, together with twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter by the same number.

*First.* When the number of the sides of the figure circumscribed about the circle is even (fig. 12.).

Let ABCDEF, &c. be any regular figure of an even number of sides circumscribed about a circle, and from any point G let there be drawn GH, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO perpendicular to the sides of the figure, and let *a* be the center of the circle, and join Ga, twice the sum of the squares GH, GK, GL,

GL, GM, GN, GO, &c. will be equal to the multiple of the square of  $Ga$  by the number of the sides of the figure, together with twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter of the circle by the same number.

Let the circumscribed figure touch the circle in P, Q, R, S, T, V, &c. and join GP, GQ, GR, GS, GT, GV, &c. join  $aP$ ,  $aQ$ ,  $aR$ ,  $aS$ ,  $aT$ ,  $aV$ , &c. and draw GX, GY, GZ, &c. perpendicular to  $aP$ ,  $aQ$ ,  $aR$ , &c.

Because the number of the sides of the circumscribed figure is even, it is plain,  $aP$ ,  $aQ$ ,  $aR$ , &c. will pass through the opposite points of contact, that is, through the points S, T, V; and therefore the number of lines intersecting each other in the point  $a$  will be half the number of the sides of the figure, and all the angles round the point  $a$  will be equal. Because the sum of the squares GX, GH is equal to the square of GP, and the sum of the squares of GK, GY equal to the square of GQ, and so on; it is evident, that the sum of the squares of GH, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, &c. together with twice the sum of the squares of GX, GY, GZ, &c. is equal to the sum of the squares of GP, GQ, GR, GS, GT, GV, &c. that is, (Prop. IV.), equal to the multiple of the square of  $Ga$  by the number of the sides of figure, together with the multiple of the square of the semidiameter of the circle by the same number. Therefore twice the sum of the squares of GH, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, &c. together with four times the sum of the squares of GX, GY, GZ, &c. will be equal to twice the multiple of the square of  $Ga$  by the number of the sides of the figure, together with twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter of the circle by the same number. Again, Because the angles  $GXa$ ,  $GZa$ ,  $GYa$  are  
right,

right, the points  $X, Y, Z$  will be in the circumference of the circle whose diameter is  $Ga$ ; and because the circle passes through the point  $a$ , the circumference will be divided into equal parts in the points  $X, Y, Z$ , as many in number as there are right lines  $aP, aQ, aR, \&c.$  (*Lem. II.*). Bisect  $Ga$  in  $b$ ; the sum of the squares  $GX, GY, GZ, \&c.$  will (*Prop. IV.*) be equal to twice the multiple of the square of  $Gb$  by the number of the lines  $aP, aQ, aR, \&c.$  that is, (because the number of the lines  $aP, aQ, aR, \&c.$  is equal to half the number of the sides of the figure), equal to the multiple of the square of  $Gb$  by the number of the sides of the circumscribed figure; and therefore four times the sum of the squares of  $GX, GY, GZ, \&c.$  will be equal to the multiple of the square of  $aG$  by the number of the sides of the figure; therefore twice the sum of the squares of  $GH, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, \&c.$  together with the multiple of the square of  $Ga$  by the number of the sides of the circumscribed figure, will be equal to twice the multiple of the square of  $Ga$  by the number of the sides of the figure, together with twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter by the same number; and therefore twice the sum of the squares of  $GH, GK, GL, GM, GN, GO, \&c.$  will be equal to the multiple of the square of  $Ga$  by the number of the sides of the figure, together with twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter by the same number.

*Second.* When the number of the sides of the figure circumscribed about the circle is odd (*fig. 13.*).

Let  $ABCDE, \&c.$  be any regular figure of an odd number of sides circumscribed about a circle, and from any point  $F$  let there be drawn  $FG, FH, FK, FL, FM, \&c.$  perpendicular to the sides of the figure, and let  $a$  be the center of the circle, and join  $Fa$ , twice



the sum of the squares of  $FG, FH, FK, FL, FM,$  &c. will be equal to the multiple of the square of  $Fa$  by the number of the sides of the figure together with twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter of the circle by the same number.

Let the circumscribed figure touch the circle in the points  $N, O, P, Q, R,$  &c. and join  $FN, FO, FP, FQ, FR,$  &c. join  $aN, aO, aP, aQ, aR,$  &c. and draw  $FS, FT, FV, FX, FY,$  &c. perpendicular to  $aN, aO, aP, aQ, aR,$  &c. Because the sum of the squares of  $FG, FS$  is equal to the square of  $FN$ , and the sum of the squares of  $FH, FT$  equal to the square of  $FO$ , and so on, it is evident that the sum of the squares of  $FG, FH, FK, FL, FM,$  &c. together with the sum of the squares of  $FS, FT, FV, FX, FY,$  &c. is equal to the sum of the squares of  $FN, FO, FP, FQ, FR,$  &c. that is, (Prop. IV.) equal to the multiple of the square of  $Fa$  by the number of the sides of the figure together with the multiple of the square of the semidiameter by the same number; therefore twice the sum of the squares of  $FG, FH, FK, FL, FM,$  &c. together with twice the sum of the squares of  $FS, FT, FV, FX, FY,$  &c. is equal to twice the multiple of the square of  $Fa$  by the number of the sides of the figure together with twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter of the circle by the same number. Again, Because the angles  $FSa, FTa, FVa, FXa, FYa,$  &c. are right, the points  $S, T, V, X, Y,$  &c. will be in the circumference of a circle whose diameter is  $Fa$ ; and because the circle passes through the point  $a$ , and the lines  $aN, aO, aP, aQ, aR,$  &c. make all the angles round the point  $a$  equal, the circumference of the circle will be divided into equal parts in the points  $S, T, V, X, Y,$  &c. as many in number as there are right lines  $aN, aO, aP, aQ,$   
 $aR,$

$aR$ , &c. (*Lem. II.*). Bisect  $Fa$  in  $b$ ; the sum of the squares of  $FS$ ,  $FT$ ,  $FV$ ,  $FX$ ,  $FY$ , &c. will be equal to twice the multiple of the square of  $Fb$  by the number of the lines  $aN$ ,  $aO$ ,  $aP$ ,  $aQ$ ,  $aR$ , &c. (*Prop. IV.*) that is, by the number of the sides of the circumscribed figure; and therefore twice the sum of the squares of  $FS$ ,  $FT$ ,  $FV$ ,  $FX$ ,  $FY$ , &c. will be equal to the multiple of the square of  $Fa$  by the number of the sides of the figure. Therefore twice the sum of the squares of  $FG$ ,  $FH$ ,  $FK$ ,  $FL$ ,  $FM$ , &c. together with the multiple of the square of  $Fa$  by the number of the sides of the figure, will be equal to twice the multiple of the square of  $Fa$  by the number of the sides of the figure together with twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter of the circle by the same number. And therefore twice the sum of the squares of  $FG$ ,  $FH$ ,  $FK$ ,  $FL$ ,  $FM$ , &c. will be equal to the multiple of the square of  $Fa$  by the number of the sides of the figure together with twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter of the circle by the same number. *Q. E. D.*

**COR. I.** Let there be any regular figure circumscribed about a circle, and from any point in the circumference of the circle let there be drawn perpendiculars to the sides of the figure; twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars will be equal to thrice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter of the circle by the number of the sides of the figure.

**COR. II.** Let there be two circles having the same center, and from any point of the circumference of the one let there be drawn perpendiculars to the sides of any regular figure circumscribed about the other; the sum of the squares of these perpendiculars will always be the same.



**COR. III.** Let there be two regular figures circumscribed about a circle, and from any point let there be drawn perpendiculars to the sides of both figures; the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the sides of the one, will be to the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the sides of the other, as the number of the sides of the one to the number of the sides of the other.

**PROPOSITION VI.** Fig. 14, 15.

Let  $A, B$  be two points in the semidiameter of a circle whose center is  $C$ , and let the rectangle  $ACB$  be equal to the square of the semidiameter; bisect  $AB$  in  $D$ , and draw  $DE$  perpendicular to  $AB$ ; from the point  $A$  draw  $AF$  to any point  $F$  in the circle, and draw  $FE$  perpendicular to  $DE$ ; the square of  $AF$  will be equal to twice the rectangle contained by  $AC, FE$ .

Let  $CG$  be equal to  $AC$ , and join  $GF$ ; let  $EF$  meet the circle in  $H$ , and join  $AH, GH, AE, CE, CF, CH$ ; and let  $CE$  meet the circle in  $K, L$ .

The square of  $CD$  is equal to the rectangle  $ACB$  together with the square of  $AD$ , that is, equal to the square of the semidiameter together with the square of  $AD$ . Add the square of  $DE$  to both; and the square of  $CE$  will be equal to the square of the semidiameter together with the square of  $AE$ . Take away the square of the semidiameter from both, and the square of  $AE$  will be equal to the rectangle  $KEL$ , that is, equal to the rectangle  $FEH$ ; and therefore  $FE$  is to  $AE$ , as  $AE$  to  $EH$ : therefore the triangles  $AEF, AHE$  are similar, and the angle  $EAF$  will be equal to the angle  $AHE$ , that is, equal to the angle  $HAG$ . Again, Because the angle  $ACF$  is equal to the

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the angle CFH, that is, equal to the angle CHF, or GCH, the angle ACH will be equal to the angle GCF; and because AC, CH are equal to GC, CF, the triangles ACH, GCF will be every way equal, and the angle GCF will be equal to the angle HAG, that is, equal to the angle EAF; and because the angles EFA, FAG are equal, the triangles AEF, FAG will be similar; and therefore EF will be to AF, as AF to AG; therefore the square of AF is equal to the rectangle contained by EF, AG, that is, equal to twice the rectangle contained by EF, AC. *Q. E. D.*

## P R O P O S I T I O N VII.

### THEOREM IV. FIG. 16, 17.

Let there be any circle whose center is A, and let BCD be a segment of the circle, and BD the chord of the segment; about the segment let there be any equilateral figure circumscribed touching the circle in the points E, F, G, &c. and let the two sides of the figure next to BD meet BD in H, K; bisect the segment BCD in F, and join AF; in AF take the point L on the same side the center A with the point F, and let the sum of sides of the figure circumscribed about the segment be to HK as the semidiameter to AL; draw LM perpendicular to AL meeting the circle in M. If from the points E, F, G, &c. the points of contact of the circumscribed figure, and the point L, there be drawn right lines to any point N, the sum of the squares of EN, FN, GN, &c. will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of LM, LN by the number of the sides of the figure.

*First.* When the point N is in the circumference of the circle (fig. 16.).

In AF take the point O, and let the rectangle LAO be equal to the square of the semidiameter of the circle, and let OP be perpendicular to AF; draw NP perpendicular to OP; bisect LO in Q, and let QR parallel to OP meet NP in R; let NP, AO meet BD in S, T, and join AH, AK, NH, NK; and join likewise AM; and draw NV, NX, NY, &c. perpendicular to the sides of the figure meeting the sides of the figure in V, X, Y, &c. because the rectangle LAO is equal to the square of the semidiameter of the circle, that is, equal to the square of AF; AO will be to AF, as AF to AL, that is, as the sum of the sides of the figure circumscribed about the segment to HK; and therefore the rectangle contained by AO, HK, will be equal to the rectangle contained by AF, and the sum of the sides of the figure, that is, will be equal to twice the figure AHEFGKA; and because the rectangle contained AT, HK is equal to twice the triangle AHK, the rectangle contained by OT, HK will be equal to twice the figure HEFGKH, that is, the rectangle contained by PS, HK will be equal to the figure HEFGKH. Again, Because the rectangle contained by NS, HK is equal to twice the triangle NHK, the rectangle contained by NP, HK will be equal to twice the figure NHEFGKN. But the rectangle contained by the sum of the perpendiculars NV, NX, NY, &c. and one of the sides of the figure, is equal to twice the figure NHEFGKN; therefore the rectangle contained by NP, HK, is equal to the rectangle contained by the sum of NV, NX, NY, &c. and one of the sides of the figure; and therefore NP will be to one of the sides of the figure, as the sum  
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of the perpendiculars NV, NX, NY to HK, that is, the multiple of NP by the number of the sides of the figure, will be to the sum of the sides of the figure, as the sum of the perpendiculars NV, NX, NY, &c. to HK; therefore the multiple of NP by the number of the sides of the figure, will be to the sum of the perpendiculars NV, NX, NY, as the sum of the sides of the figure to HK, that is, as AF, to AL, or twice AF to twice AL; therefore twice the multiple of the rectangle contained by NP, AL by the number of the sides of the figure, is equal to the rectangle contained by the sum of the perpendiculars NV, NX, NY, &c. and twice AF. But because (*Lem. 1.*) the square of NE is equal to the rectangle contained by NV and twice AF, and the square of NF equal to the rectangle contained by NX and twice AF, and the square of NG equal to the rectangle contained by NY and twice AF, and so on; the sum of the squares of NE, NF, NG, &c. will be equal to the rectangle contained by the sum of the perpendiculars NV, NX, NY, &c. and twice AF, that is, will be equal to twice the multiple of the rectangle contained by NP, AL by the number of the sides of the figure. Again, Because the rectangle OAL is equal to the square of AM, the rectangle OLA will be equal to the square of LM, that is, twice the rectangle contained by PR, AL will be equal to the square of LM. And because (*Prop. VI.*) twice the rectangle contained by NR, AL is equal to the square of LN, twice the rectangle contained by NP, AL will be equal to the sum of the squares of LM, LN; therefore twice the multiple of the rectangle contained by NP, AL by the number of the sides of the figure, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of LM, LN by the same number; and therefore the sum of the squares of NE, NF, NG,

NG, &c. will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of LM, LN by the number of the sides of the figure. *Q. E. D.*

*Second.* When the point N is not in the circumference of the circle (fig. 17.).

Join NA, and let NA meet the circle in the point O on the other side the center A with the point N; and join EO, FO, GO, &c. LO; join likewise EA, FA, GA, &c. and join AM; let LO meet the circle in P, and draw NQ parallel to AL meeting OL in Q. Because (Prop. II.) the square of EN, together with the space to which the square of EO has the same ratio that OA has to AN, is equal to the rectangle ANO together with the space to which the square of AE has the same ratio that AO has to ON, and the square of AE is equal to the sum of the squares of AL, LM; the square of EN together with the space to which the square of EO has the same ratio that AO has to AN, will be equal to the rectangle ANO together with the space to which the square of AL has the same ratio that AO has to ON together with the space to which the square of LM has the same ratio. But (Prop. II.) the rectangle ANO together with the space to which the square of AL has the same ratio that AO has to NO, is equal to the square of NL together with the space to which the square of LO has the same ratio that OA has to AN; therefore the square of EN together with the space to which the square of EO has the same ratio that OA has to AN, is equal to the square of NL together with the space to which the square of LO has the same ratio that OA has to AN together with the space to which the square of LM has the same ratio that AO has to ON; because the square of LO is to the rectangle OLQ as OL to LQ, that is, as OA to AN, the rectangle OLQ will  
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be the space to which the square of  $OL$  has the same ratio that  $OA$  has to  $AN$ . And because the rectangle  $OLP$  is to the rectangle contained by  $LP, OQ$  as  $OL$  to  $OQ$ , that is, as  $OA$  to  $ON$ , and the square of  $LM$  is equal to the rectangle  $OLP$ , the square of  $LM$  will be to the rectangle contained by  $LP, OQ$  as  $OA$  to  $ON$ ; therefore the rectangle contained by  $LP, OQ$  will be the space to which the square of  $LM$  has the same ratio that  $OA$  has to  $ON$ . And therefore the square of  $EN$  together with the space to which the square of  $EO$  has the same ratio that  $OA$  has to  $AN$ , is equal to the square of  $NL$  together with the rectangle  $OLQ$  together with the rectangle contained by  $LP, OQ$ ; but because the rectangle contained by  $LP, OQ$  is equal to the rectangle  $OLP$  together with the rectangle contained by  $LP, LQ$ ; therefore the rectangle  $OLQ$  together with the rectangle contained by  $LP, OQ$  is equal to the rectangle  $OLP$  together with the rectangle contained by  $OP, LQ$ , that is, equal to the square of  $LM$  together with the rectangle contained by  $OP, LQ$ ; therefore the square of  $NE$  together with the space to which the square of  $EO$  has the same ratio that  $OA$  has to  $AN$ , is equal to the sum of the squares of  $LM, LN$  together with the rectangle contained by  $OP, LQ$ . The same way it is shewn, that the square of  $FN$  together with the space to which the square of  $FO$  has the same ratio that  $OA$  has to  $AN$ , is equal to the sum of the squares of  $LM, LN$  together with the rectangle contained by  $OP, LQ$ ; and likewise, that the square of  $GN$  together with the space to which the square of  $GO$  has the same ratio that  $OA$  has to  $AN$ , is equal to the sum of the squares of  $LM, LN$  together with the rectangle contained by  $OP, LQ$ ; and so on. Therefore the sum of the squares of  $EN, FN, GN, \&c.$   
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together with the space to which the sum of the squares of EO, FO, GO, &c. has the same ratio that OA has to AN, is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of LM, LN by the number of of the sides of the figure together with the multiple of the rectangle contained by OP, LQ by the same number.

Again, Because the sum of the squares of EO, FO, GO, &c. is (by the first part of this) equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of LM, LO by number of the sides of the figure, and the square of LM is equal to the rectangle OLP; the sum of the squares of EO, FO, GO, &c. will be equal to the multiple of the rectangle LOP by the number of the sides of the figure. And because OA is to AN, as OL to LQ, that is, as the rectangle LOP to the rectangle contained by OP, LQ, that is, as the multiple of the rectangle LOP by the number of the sides of the figure to the multiple of the rectangle contained by OP, LQ by the same number, and the sum of the squares of EO, FO, GO, &c. is equal to the multiple of the rectangle LOP by the number of the sides of the figure; the sum of the squares of EO, FO, GO, &c. will be to the multiple of the rectangle contained by OP, LQ, as OA to AN; and therefore the multiple of the rectangle contained by OP, LQ by the number of the sides of the figure, will be the space to which the sum of the squares of EO, FO, GO, &c. has the same ratio that OA has to AN; therefore the sum of the squares of EN, FN, GN, &c. together with the multiple of the rectangle contained by OP, LQ by the number of the sides of the figure is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of LM, LN by the number of the sides of the figure, together with the multiple of the rectangle contained by OP, LQ by the same number; and therefore the  
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sum of the squares of EN, FN, GN, &c. will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of LM, LN by the number of the sides of the figure.

## PROPOSITION VIII.

### THEOREM V. FIG. 18.

Let there be any circle whose center is A, and let BCD be a semicircle, and BD the diameter of the circle; about the semicircle let there be any regular figure described, and let the sides of the figure next to BD meet BD in E, F; bisect the semicircle in G, and join AG; and in AG take the point H on the same side the center A with the point G, and let AG be to AH, as the sum of the sides of the figure to EF; and let the rectangle HAK be equal to the square of the semidiameter, and let HL be equal to AH. If from any point M there be drawn MN, MO, MP, &c. perpendicular to the sides of the figure circumscribed about the semicircle, and likewise let there be drawn ML to the point L; twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars MN, MO, MP, &c. will be equal to the multiple of the square of ML by the number of the sides of the figure together with the multiple of the rectangle KLA by the same number.

Let the figure touch the semicircle in the points Q, R, S, &c. and join AQ, AR, AS, &c. draw MT, MV, MX, &c. perpendicular to AQ, AR, AS; join MA, MH, and draw HY perpendicular to AH meeting the circle in Y, and join MQ, MR, MS, &c.; because (Prop. VII.) the sum of the squares of MQ, MR, MS, &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of HM, HY by the number of the sides of the figure circumscribed about the semicircle,



circle, twice the sum of the squares of MQ, MR, MS, &c. will be equal to twice the multiple of the sum of the squares of HM, HY by the number of the sides of the figure; therefore twice the sum of the squares of MQ, MR, MS, &c. together with twice the multiple of the square of AH by the number of the sides of the figure is equal to twice the multiple of the sum of the squares of HM, HA by the number of the sides of the figure together with twice the multiple of the square HY by the same number. And because twice the sum of the squares of HM, HA is equal to the sum of the squares of ML, MA, twice the multiple of the sum of the squares of HM, HA by the number of the sides of the figure, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of ML, MA by the same number; therefore twice the sum of the squares of MQ, MR, MS, &c. together with twice the multiple of the square of AH by the number of the sides of the figure, is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of ML, MA by the same number. But because twice the sum of the squares of MN, MO, MP, &c. together with twice the sum of the squares of MT, MV, MX, &c. is equal to twice the sum of the squares of MQ, MR, MS, &c. therefore twice the sum of the squares of MN, MO, MP, &c. together with twice the sum of the squares of MT, MV, MX, &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of ML, MA by the number of the sides of the figure, together with twice the multiple of the square of HY by the same number.

Again, Because the angles MTA, MVA, MXA are right, the points T, V, X will be in the circumference of the circle whose diameter is AM; and because AQ, AR, AS, &c. make all the angles about the point A equal, the circumference of this circle will  
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be divided into equal parts in the points T, V, X, &c. (*Lem. II.*) as many in number as there are lines AQ, AR, AS, &c. that is, into as many equal parts as there are sides in the circumscribed figure; therefore twice the sum of the squares of MT, MV, MX, &c. will be equal to the multiple of the square of MA by the number of the sides of the figure; therefore twice the sum of the squares of MN, MO, MP, &c. together with the multiple of the square of MA by the number of the sides of the figure together with twice the multiple of the square of AH by the same number, is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of ML, MA by the number of the sides of the figure together with twice the multiple of the square of HY by the same number; and therefore twice the sum of the squares of MN, MO, MP, &c. together with twice the multiple of the square of AH by the number of the sides of the figure, is equal to the multiple of the square of ML by the number of the sides of the figure together with twice the multiple of the square of HY by the same number.

Again, Because the rectangle HAK is equal to the square of the semidiameter of the circle, that is, equal to the sum of the squares of AH, HY; the rectangle KHA, that is, the rectangle KHL, will be equal to the square of HY; and therefore twice the multiple of the rectangle KHL by the number of the sides of the figure, will be equal to twice the multiple of the square of HY by the same number; therefore twice the sum of the squares of MN, MO, MP, &c. together with twice the multiple of the square of AH, or HL by the number of the sides of the figure, is equal to the multiple of the square of ML by the number of the sides of the figure together with twice the multiple of the rectangle KHL by the same number; therefore twice the sum of the squares of

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MN, MO, MP, &c. is equal to the multiple of the square of ML by the number of the sides of the figure together with the multiple of the rectangle KLA by the same number. *Q. E. D.*

**COR.** Let there be any equilateral figure inscribed in a semicircle; a point is given such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to the sides of the figure, and likewise a right line to the given point, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn to the given point by the number of the sides of the figure together with a given space.

Let ABCD (fig. 19.) be an equilateral figure inscribed in a semicircle; let AD be the diameter, and F the centre; bisect the semicircle in G, and join FG; let FH be perpendicular to AB one of the sides of the figure; in FG take the point K, and let FH be to FK as the sum of the sides of the figure ABCD to AD; let KL be equal to FK, and let the rectangle KFM be equal to the square of FH. If from any point N there be drawn NO, NP, NQ, &c. perpendicular to AB, BC, CD, &c. the sides of the figure, and likewise there be drawn NL to the point L, twice the sum of the squares of NO, NP, NQ, &c. will be equal to the multiple of the square of NL by the number of the sides of the figure together with the multiple of the rectangle MLF by the same number.

In any spherical triangle it will be as radius is to the sine of the vertical angle, so is the rectangle contained

## ARTICLE III.

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## PROP. I. THEO. Fig. 20.

IN any right angled sperical triangle, the rectangle contained by the sines of the two sides about the right angle, is equal to the rectangle contained by the sines of the hypotenuse and perpendicular falling thereon from the right angle, that is,  $S. AB \times S. AC = S. AC. S. BD$ .

Demon.  $F$   $S. AB :: S. \angle A : S. BD$  } by Prop. 1.  
 $S. AC :: S. \angle A : S. BC$  } by Prop. 1.  
 $AB : SAC :: S. BD : S. BC$  } by Prop. 1.  
 $AB \times S. BC = SAC \times S. BD$ .  
 Q. E. D.

## THEO. Fig. 21.

angle  $A$  will be as radius is to  
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tained by the sines of the sides to the rectangle contained by the sines of the base and perpendicular.

*Demon.* Let the arch BQ be drawn to make the angle AQB = ABC,

S. ABC : S. BAC :: S. AC : S. BC, by Trig.  
and S. AQB (ABC) : S. BAC :: S. AB : S. QB;  
hence S. AC : S. AB :: S. BC : S. QB by equality  
or  $S. AC \times S. QB = S. AB \times S. BC$ .

Again, since S. DQB = Sine of its sup. AQB = S. ABC,  
it will be R : S. QB :: S. ABC (DQB) : S. DB,  
or  $S. QB = S. DB \times (R \div S. ABC)$ ;

therefore by substituting for S. QB its equal,  
 $S. AC \times S. DB \times (R \div S. ABC) = S. AB \times S. BC$ ,  
or  $R : S. ABC :: S. AB \times S. BC : S. AC \times S. DB$ .

Q. E. D.

*The same demonstrated in another way.*

*First.* S. AC : S. ABC :: S. BC : S. BAC, by Trig.  
therefore  $S. AC \times S. BAC = S. BC \times S. ABC$ ,  
or  $(S. AC \times S. ABC \times R) \div R = S. BC \times S. ABC$ ;  
hence  $S. AC \times S. ABC \div R : S. BC :: S. ABC : R$ ,  
and by mult. by S. AB, we have  
 $S. AC \times (S. AB \times S. BAC) \div R : S. BC \times S. AB :: S. ABC$   
: R,

Again, R : S. AB :: S. BAC : S. DB,  
or  $S. DB = (S. AB \times S. BAC) \div R$ ,  
hence by substituting for S. DB, we have  
 $R : S. ABC :: S. BC \times S. AB : S. AC \times S. DB$ .  
Q. E. D.

*Cor.* If Q be put to denote half the sum of the three sides, then S. AC  $\times$  S. DB will be equal to

$$2 \sqrt{S. Q \times S. (Q - AC) \times S. (Q - AB) \times S. (Q - BC)}.$$

For

For by Art. 168. Crakelt's Trig.  $S. ABC = 2 R \times$   
 $\frac{\sqrt{S. Q \times S. (Q-AB)} \times S. (Q-AC) \times S. (Q-BC)}{S. AB \times S. BC},$   
 or  $S. AB \times S. BC \times S. ABC$  is equal to  
 $2 R \times \sqrt{S. Q \times S. (Q-AB)} \times S. (Q-AC) \times S. (Q-BC)$   
 but by this proposition we have  
 $S. AB \times S. BC \times S. ABC = S. AC \times S. DB \times R;$   
 therefore  $S. AC \times S. DB$  is equal to  
 $2 \sqrt{S. Q \times S. (Q-AB)} \times S. (Q-AC) \times S. (Q-BC).$

### PROP. III. THEO. Fig. 22.

In any spherical triangle it will be as twice the radius is to the tangent of half the vertical angle, so is the rectangle contained by the sines of the base and perpendicular, to the rectangle contained by the sines of the segments of the base made by the point of contact of the inscribed circle.

*Demon* Put  $S =$  sine of half the vertical angle  $ABC$ , and  $T =$  its tan. and bisect the base  $AC$  in  $Q$ . Then since  $FB = BE$ ,  $AF = AD$ , and  $CE = CD$ ,

$AB - BC$  will be  $= AD - DC = 2 QD$ ;

hence by the last proposition of Simson's Euc.

$S. AB \times S. BC : S. AD \times S. DC :: R^2 : S^2$ ;

and by Proposition II.

$S. AB \times S. BC : S. AC \times S. BP :: R : S. ABC$ ,  
 but by Scho. 1. Prop. II. Em. Trig.  $S. ABC = 2 S^2 \div T$ ,  
 therefore  $S. AB \times S. BC : S. AC \times S. BP :: R : 2 S^2 \div T$ ;  
 $:: R^2 : 2 R S^2 \div T$ ;

hence  $S. AD \times S. DC : S. AC \times S. BP :: S^2 : 2 R S^2 \div T$ ,  
 or  $S. AD \times S. DC \times 2 R = S. AC \times S. BP \times T$ ;  
 wherefore  $2 R : T :: S. AC \times S. BP : S. AD \times S. DC$ .

Q. E. D.



*Cor.* When the triangle is right angled at B, then  $T = R$ , and  $S.AC \times S.BP (= S.AB \times S.BC$ , by Prop. I.) :  $S.AD \times S.DC :: 2 : 1$ .

PROP. IV. THEO. Fig. 23.

In any spherical triangle it will be as twice the radius is to the cotangent of half the vertical angle, so is the rectangle contained under the sines of the base and perpendicular, to the rectangle contained by the sines of half the perimeter, and half the difference between the sum of the sides and base.

*Demon.* Let the circles be described as in the fig. then it is well known that  $OCQ =$  half the vertical angle,  $CQ =$  half the difference between the sum of the sides and base, and  $CT =$  half the perimeter of the triangle ACB.

Whence by Prop. 42. Cor. 4. Book 3. Em. Trig.  $S.AC \times S.BC : R^2 :: S.TC \times S.QC : \text{cofin.}^2 OCQ$ ; and by Proposition II. we have

$S.AC \times S.BC : R :: S.AB \times S.CP : S.ACB$ ,  
or  $S.AC \times S.BC : R^2 :: S.AB \times S.CP : S.ACB \times R$ ;  
therefore by equality it will be

$S.TC \times S.QC : S.AB \times S.CP :: \text{cof.}^2 OCQ : S.ACB \times R$   
but  $S.ACB = 2 \text{ cof.}^2 OCQ \div \cot. OCQ$ , and therefore  
 $S.TC \times S.QC : S.AB \times S.CP :: \text{cof.}^2 OCQ : (2 \text{ cof.}^2 OCQ \div \cot. OCQ) \times R$ ,

or  $S.TC \times S.QC \times 2R = S.AB \times S.CP \times \cot. OCQ$ ,  
that is,  $2R : \cot. OCQ :: S.AB \times S.CP : S.TC \times S.QC$ .  
Q. E. D.

*Cor.* When the triangle is right angled at C, then  $\cotan. = R$ , and  $S.AB \times S.CP : S.TC \times S.QC :: 2 : 1$ .

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## PROP. V. THEO. Fig. 24.

If from the three angular points of any spherical triangle, perpendiculars be demitted upon the opposite sides; I say, the rectangles contained by the line of each perpendicular, and the sine of the side it falls upon are equal.

*Demon.* By Proposition II. we have

$S. AC \times S. CB : S. AB \times S. CQ :: R : S. ACB$ ;  
 and  $S. AC \times S. AB : S. CB \times S. AP :: R : S. BAC$ ;  
 also by Trig.  $S. ACB : S. AB :: S. BAC : S. BC$ ,  
 or  $S. ACB : S. AB \times S. AC :: S. BAC : S. BC \times S. AC$ ;  
 hence  $S. AC \times S. BC \times S. ACB = S. AB \times S. AC \times S. BAC$ ,

that is  $S. AB \times S. CQ \times R = S. BC \times S. AP \times R$ ,  
 or  $S. AB \times S. CQ = S. BC \times S. AP =$  (by  
 the same method of reasoning)  $S. AC \times S. BR$ .

*Cor.*  $S. CQ \times S. ACB = S. AP \times S. BAC =$   
 $S. BR \times S. ABC$ . Q. E. D.

For  $S. AB : S. BC :: S. AP : S. CQ$ ,  
 and  $S. AB : S. BC :: S. ACB : S. BAC$ ;  
 therefore  $S. AP : S. ACB :: S. CQ : S. BAC$ ;  
 hence  $S. CQ \times S. ACB = S. AP \times S. BAC =$   
 (in the same way)  $S. BR \times S. ABC$ .

## PROP. VI. THEO. Fig. 21.

In any spherical triangle it will be as radius is to the sine of the base, so is the rectangle of the sines of the angles at the base to the rectangle of the sines of the perpendicular and vertical angle.

*Demon.*

*Demon.* First  $S. AC : S. BC :: S. ABC : S. CAB$ ,  
and  $S. BC : R :: S. DB : S. ACB$ ;

hence by compounding, &c.

$S. AC : R :: S. AEC \times S. DB : S. CAB \times S. ACB$ ,  
or  $R : S. AC :: S. CAB \times S. ACB : S. ABC \times S. DB$ .

Q. E. D.

*Cor.* I say  $S. AB \times S. BC : S. \angle A \times S. \angle C ::$   
 $\sin.^2 AC : \sin.^2 ABC$ .

For by this Prop. and Pro. II. we have

$S. \angle A \times S. \angle C : S. ABC \times S. BD :: R : S. AC$ ,  
and  $S. BD = (S. AB \times S. BC \times S. ABC) \div (S. AC \times R)$ ;

therefore by substituting for  $S. DB$  and mult.

$S. \angle A \times S. \angle C \times \sin.^2 AC = S. AB \times S. BC \times \sin.^2 ABC$   
or  $S. AB \times S. BC : S. \angle A \times S. \angle C :: \sin.^2 AC : \sin.^2 ABC$ .

## PROP. VII. THEO. Fig. 25.

If about the three angular points of any spherical triangle  $A, B, C$  as poles, great circles be described intersecting in  $D, E$  and  $F$ , and through  $F$  and  $B$  a great circle be described to cut the bases  $AC, DE$  in  $P$  and  $Q$ ; I say,  $FQ$  is the supplement of  $BP$ .

*Demon.* Produce the sides as in the figure ;

then since  $CK = CF =$  a quadrant,

and  $AM = AF =$  a quadrant,

$F$  is the pole of  $AC$ , and  $B$  is the pole of  $DE$ ;

therefore  $FP = BQ =$  a quadrant,

and  $FQ = QB + PF = PB =$  a semicircle —  $PB$ .

Q. E. D.

*Cor. 1.* Since  $FBPQ$  passes through the poles of  $AC$  and  $DE$ , the angles at  $P$  and  $Q$  will be right angles.

*Cor.*

*Cor. 2.*  $\text{DQ} + \angle \text{PBC} = \text{QE} + \angle \text{PBA} = \text{a quadrant}$ . For QR is the measure of the  $\angle \text{PBC}$ , and IQ that of PBA; hence  $\text{DQ} + \text{QR} = 90^\circ = \text{QE} + \text{QI}$ .

*Cor. 3.*  $\text{FB} = \text{PQ}$ ,  $\text{PB} = \text{QL} = \text{MB} = \text{AI}$ , and  $\text{KB} = \text{CR}$ .

*Cor. 4.* Lay off  $\text{Db} = \text{bE}$ , then  $\text{bQ}$  is the measure of half the difference of the angles at the vertex, that is, the measure of half the difference of the angles PBA, PBC.

For  $\text{Ib} = \text{bR} =$  the measure of the angle  $\text{ABy} = \text{CBy}$ ; and by *Cor. 2.*  $\text{PBA} - \text{PBC} = \text{DQ} - \text{QE} = \text{IQ} - \text{QR} = 2\text{bQ}$ , or  $\text{bQ} = \angle \text{PBy}$ .

*Cor. 5.* Lay off  $\text{Fd} = \text{FD}$ , and join  $\text{Ad}$ ,  $\text{AE}$ ; then  $\text{EAd}$  is the difference of the angles (A and C) at the base of the triangle ABC.

For EF is the sup. of the  $\angle \text{A}$  and DF of  $\angle \text{C}$ ; hence  $\text{EF} - \text{DF} = \text{Ed} = \angle \text{C} - \angle \text{A} =$  the measure of the  $\angle \text{EAd}$ .

## PROP. VIII. PROBLEM.

Given the base, the perpendicular, and the difference of the sides of a spherical triangle to determine it.

If in fig. 22. AC be the given base, BP the perpendicular, and QD half the difference of the sides, we have, by Prop. III.  $\text{S.AD} \times \text{S.DC} : \text{S.AC} \times \text{S.BP} :: 2\text{R} : \text{T}$ , where three of the terms being given, the fourth is also given, and the vertical angle is given.

Hence there is given the base, perpendicular, and vertical angle, to describe the triangle, which is elegantly done at quest. 680. *Gent. Diary*.

If the sum of the sides, instead of the difference, had been given, the vertical angle might have been determined

determined by Prop. IV. and the problem reduced to the 651st quest. *Gent. Diary.*

If the vertical angle, perpendicular, and difference of the angles at the base had been given, then in the supplemental triangle, there would have been given, by Prop. VII. the base, the difference of the sides, and the perpendicular, the very same as the preceding.

### PROP. IX. PROBLEM.

Given the base and perpendicular of a spherical triangle to construct it, when the rectangle contained by the sines of the angles at the base is a maximum.

*Conf.* With the given base AC (fig. 20), and perpendicular DB, construct the right-angled triangle ABC, and it will be that required.

*Demon.* By Prop. VI. as  $S.AC : R :: S.ABC \times S.BD : S.CAB \times S.ACB$ , where the two first terms being constant, it is manifest the fourth will be a max. when the third is so, which will be when ABC is a right angle. *Q. B. D.*

### ARTICLE

## ARTICLE IV.

## NEW TABLES,

FOR FINDING THE CONTENTS OF CASKS.

By Mr. JOHN LOWRY.

Quotient of the Head divided by the Bung.	First Variety, or Middle Frustum of a Spheriod.		Second Variety, or Middle Frust. of a Para. Spindle.	
	A. G <sup>s</sup> .	W. G <sup>s</sup> .	A. G <sup>s</sup> .	W. G <sup>s</sup> .
*50	·0020888	·0025500	·0019959	·0024366
*51	·0020982	·0025614	·0020089	·0024525
*52	·0021077	·0025731	·0020222	·0024687
*53	·0021175	·0025850	·0020355	·0024849
*54	·0021274	·0025971	·0020489	·0025012
*55	·0021375	·0026094	·0020623	·0025176
*56	·0021478	·0026220	·0020750	·0025332
*57	·0021583	·0026348	·0020897	·0025511
*58	·0021690	·0026479	·0021035	·0025679
*59	·0021798	·0026611	·0021175	·0025850
*60	·0021909	·0026746	·0021315	·0026021
*61	·0022021	·0026883	·0021457	·0026194
*62	·0022136	·0027023	·0021602	·0026371
*63	·0022252	·0027164	·0021744	·0026544
*64	·0022370	·0027308	·0021889	·0026721
*65	·0022489	·0027454	·0022034	·0026899
*66	·0022611	·0027603	·0022182	·0027079



Quotient of the Head divided by the Bung.	First Variety, or Middle Frustum of a Spheriod.		Second Variety, or Middle Frust. of a Para. Spindle.	
	A. G <sup>s</sup> .	W. G <sup>s</sup> .	A. G <sup>s</sup> .	W. G <sup>s</sup> .
·67	·0022734	·0027754	·0022331	·0027261
·68	·0022860	·0027907	·0022480	·0027443
·69	·0022987	·0028062	·0022630	·0027627
·70	·0023116	·0028219	·0022782	·0027811
·71	·0023247	·0028379	·0022934	·0027998
·72	·0023380	·0028541	·0023087	·0028184
·73	·0023514	·0028706	·0023244	·0028376
·74	·0023651	·0028872	·0023437	·0028612
·75	·0023789	·0029040	·0023557	·0028758
·76	·0023929	·0029212	·0023716	·0028952
·77	·0024071	·0029386	·0023875	·0029146
·78	·0024215	·0029561	·0024036	·0029343
·79	·0024361	·0029739	·0024197	·0029539
·80	·0024508	·0029919	·0024360	·0029738
·81	·0024658	·0030102	·0024524	·0029939
·82	·0024809	·0030287	·0024690	·0030130
·83	·0024962	·0030474	·0024856	·0030343
·84	·0025117	·0030552	·0025023	·0030547
·85	·0025274	·0030854	·0025191	·0030752
·86	·0025433	·0031047	·0025361	·0030960
·87	·0025594	·0031244	·0025532	·0031168
·88	·0025756	·0031443	·0025703	·0031378
·89	·0025921	·0031643	·0025876	·0031589
·90	·0026087	·0031846	·0026050	·0031801
·91	·0026255	·0032052	·0026225	·0032015
·92	·0026425	·0032259	·0026401	·0032230
·93	·0026596	·0032468	·0026579	·0032447
·94	·0026770	·0032680	·0026757	·0032664
·95	·0026945	·0032894	·0026936	·0032883



Quotient of the Head divided by the Bung.	First Variety, or Middle Frustum of a Spheriod.		Second Variety, or Middle Frust. of a Para. Spindle.	
	A. G'.	W. G'.	A. G'.	W. G'.
·96	·0027123	·0033111	·0027117	·0033104
·97	·0027302	·0033330	·0027299	·0033326
·98	·0027483	·0033551	·0027482	·0033549
·99	·0027666	·0033774	·0027665	·0033773
1·00	·0027851	·0033999	·0027851	·0033999

### GENERAL RULE:

Divide the head diameter by the bung diameter to two places of decimals in the quotient, against which, in the column answering to the proposed variety, we have two decimals one for *ale*, the other for *wine* gallons; which being multiplied continually by the square of the bung diameter, and the length of the cask, the last product will be the content.

*Remark.* These Tables are founded on nearly the same principles as Mr. *Moss's*, given at page 190 of his *Treatise on Gauging*; they are equally accurate, and much readier in practice. The investigation will be given in some future number, and the tables extended to the other varieties.

**ARTICLE V.**  
**TABLES OF THEOREMS**  
 FOR THE  
**CALCULATION OF FLUENTS,**

From Mr. LANDEN's Memoirs,  
 Communicated by Mr. WILLIAM BURDON.

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**TABLE I.**  
**THEOREM 1.**

$$\dot{F} = x^n \dot{x}.$$

$$F = \frac{x^{n+1} - c^{n+1}}{n+1}.$$

$c$  the quantity to which  $x$  is equal when  $F = 0$ .

*Note.* When  $n$  is  $= -1$ , the expression for the value of

$$F \text{ becomes } = \text{Log. } \frac{x}{c}$$

**THEOREM**

## T H E O R E M II.

$$\dot{F} = (a^n + b x^n)^p x^{n-1} \dot{x}$$

$$F = \frac{(a^n + b x^n)^{p+1} - (a^n + b c^n)^{p+1}}{b n (p+1)}.$$

$c$  the value of  $x$  when  $F = 0$ .

*Note.* When  $p$  is  $= -1$ , the expression for the value of

$$F \text{ becomes } = \frac{1}{b n} \times \text{Log. } \frac{a^n + b x^n}{a^n + b c^n}.$$

## T H E O R E M III.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^{np-1} \dot{x}}{(a^n + b x^n)^{p+1}}$$

$$F = \frac{1}{n p a^n} \left( \frac{x^{np}}{(a^n + b x^n)^p} - \frac{c^{np}}{(a^n + b c^n)^p} \right).$$

$c$  the value of  $x$  when  $F = 0$ .

*Note.* When  $p$  is  $= 0$ , the expression for the value of

$$F \text{ becomes } = \frac{1}{n a^n} \times \text{Log. } \frac{x^n}{c^n} \times \frac{a^n + b c^n}{a^n + b x^n}.$$

## T H E O R E M IV.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^{n-1} \dot{x}}{\sqrt{2 a x^n + x^{2n}}}$$

$F 2$

$F =$

## THEOREM XI.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^{-1} \dot{x}}{\sqrt{x^{2n} - a^{2n}}} .$$

$$F = K + \frac{1}{na^{2n}} \times \text{Circ. Arc, rad. } a^n, \text{ secant. } x^n .$$

TABLE

T A B L E II.  
CONTAINING  
T H E O R E M S  
FOR THE  
CALCULATION OF FLUENTS.

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T H E O R E M I.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^m \dot{x}}{x+a}.$$

$m$  any positive integer.

$$F = K + a^m \times \frac{x^m}{m a} - \frac{x^{m-1}}{(m-1) \cdot a} + \frac{x^{m-2}}{(m-2) \cdot a} - \dots$$

$(m)^* \pm \text{Log. } x + a.$

\* + or — according as  $m$  is even or odd.

T H E O R E M II.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^{-m} \dot{x}}{x+a}.$$

$m$  any positive integer.

$F =$

$$F = K + \frac{1}{a^m} \times \frac{a^{m-1}}{m-1 \cdot x} - \frac{a^{m-2}}{m-2 \cdot x} + \frac{a^{m-3}}{m-3 \cdot x}$$

$$(m-1) * \pm \text{Log. } \frac{x+a}{x}.$$

\* + or — according as  $m-1$  is even or odd.

### THEOREM III.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^m}{x^2 + a^2}.$$

$m$  any even positive number.

$$F = K + a^{m-2} \times \frac{x^{m-1}}{m-1 \cdot a} - \frac{x^{m-3}}{m-3 \cdot a} + \frac{x^{m-5}}{m-5 \cdot a}$$

$$\left(\frac{m}{2}\right) * \pm A.$$

$A = \text{Circ. Arc, rad. } a, \text{ tang. } x.$

\* + or — according as  $\frac{m}{2}$  is even or odd.

### THEOREM IV.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^m}{x^2 - a^2}.$$

$m$  any even positive number.

**F**



$$F = K + a^{m-1} \times \frac{x^{m-1}}{m-1 \cdot a} + \frac{x^{m-3}}{m-3 \cdot a} + \frac{x^{m-5}}{m-5 \cdot a} \\ + \frac{\left(\frac{m}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Log.} \frac{a-x}{a+x} \cdot}$$

## THEOREM V.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^m}{x^2 + a^2} \cdot$$

$m$  any odd positive number.

$$F = K + a^{m-1} \times \frac{x^{m-1}}{m-1 \cdot a} - \frac{x^{m-3}}{m-3 \cdot a} + \frac{x^{m-5}}{m-5 \cdot a} \\ + \frac{\left(\frac{m-1}{2}\right) * \pm \frac{1}{2} \text{Log.} (x^2 + a^2) \cdot}$$

$a^2$  either positive or negative.

\* + or — according as  $\frac{m-1}{2}$  is even or odd.

## THEOREM VI.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^{-m}}{x^2 + a^2} \cdot$$

$m$  any even positive number.

$$F =$$

$$F = K + \frac{1}{a^{m+1}} \times \frac{a^{m-1}}{m-1 \cdot x} - \frac{a^{m-3}}{m-3 \cdot x} + \frac{a^{m-5}}{m-5 \cdot x} - \dots$$

$$\left( \frac{m}{2} \right) * \pm A.$$

A = Circ. Arc, rad.  $a$ , tang.  $\frac{a}{x}$

\* + or — according as  $\frac{m}{2}$  is even or odd.

### THEOREM VII.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^{\frac{-m}{2}}}{x^2 - a^2}.$$

$m$  any even positive number.

$$F = K + \frac{1}{a^{m+1}} \times \frac{a^{m-1}}{m-1 \cdot x} + \frac{a^{m-3}}{m-3 \cdot x} + \frac{a^{m-5}}{m-5 \cdot x} + \dots$$

$$\left( \frac{m}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Log.} \frac{x-a}{x+a}.$$

### THEOREM VIII.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^{\frac{-m}{2}}}{x^2 + a^2}.$$

$m$  any odd positive number.

F =

$$F=K+\frac{1}{a^{m+1}} \times \frac{a^{m-1}}{m-1 \cdot x} - \frac{a^{m-3}}{m-3 \cdot x} + \frac{a^{m-5}}{m-5 \cdot x} - \dots$$

$$\left(\frac{m-1}{2}\right)^* \pm \text{Log.} \frac{x^2+a^2}{x^2}$$

$a^2$  either positive or negative.

\* + or — according as  $\frac{m-1}{2}$  is even or odd.

TABLE

## TABLE III.

CONTAINING  
THEOREMS  
FOR THE  
CALCULATION OF FLUENTS.

## THEOREM I.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{4}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times \frac{de - e'e''}{DP - AD - L} = K + \frac{2}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times \frac{de +}{DP - AD - L}$$

## THEOREM II.

The fluent of  $\frac{x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$ , generated whilst  $x$  from

$a$  becomes equal to any quantity  $k$ , is equal to the  
fluent of the same fluxion, generated whilst  $x$  from  $a$   
 $\times \frac{a-k}{a+k}$  becomes equal to  $a$ .

*Note.*

*Note.* All the Theorems in this table refer to the Scheme at the end of it, for the values of the quantities required.

### THEOREM III.

The fluent of  $\frac{x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$ , generated whilst  $x$  from  $a$  becomes equal to  $2^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 \times a$ , is  $= \frac{M}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ .

### THEOREM IV.

The *whole* fluent of  $\frac{x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$  is  $= \frac{2 M}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ .

### THEOREM V.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$$

$$F = K + \frac{2}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times 2 e'' - de = K + \frac{2}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times L + \overline{AD - DP}.$$

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## THEOREM VI.

The tangent co  $\left( = \overline{ax}^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \overline{\frac{a-x}{a+x}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$  together  
 with the fluent of  $\frac{\frac{1}{2} a^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$ , generated whilst  $x$  from  
 $o$  becomes equal to any quantity  $k$ , is equal to the  
 fluent of the same fluxion, generated whilst  $x$  from  $a$   
 $\times \frac{a-k}{a+k}$  becomes equal to  $a$ .

## THEOREM VII.

The fluent of  $\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$ , generated whilst  $x$  from  $o$   
 becomes equal to  $2^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 \times a$ , is  $= \frac{L}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} - 2^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1$   
 $\times a^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

## THEOREM VIII.

The *whole* fluent of  $\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{x}}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}$  is  $= \frac{2L}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ .

## THEOREM



## THEOREM IX.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} j}{\sqrt{y^2 - a^2}}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{4}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times \frac{ac - E'' + ee'}{\sqrt{ac + AD - DP}} = K + \frac{2}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times$$

$$x = \frac{a^2}{y}.$$

## THEOREM X.

The fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} j}{\sqrt{y^2 - a^2}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from

$a$  becomes equal to  $2^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1 \times a$ , is  $= \frac{M}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$

## THEOREM XI.

The *whole* fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} j}{\sqrt{y^2 - a^2}}$  is  $= \frac{2 M}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$

## THEOREM XII.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{\sqrt{y^2 - a^2}}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{2}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times \overline{DP + ae + 2 e'e'' - 2 E''}$$

$$= K + \frac{2}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times AD.$$

$$x = \frac{a^2}{y}.$$

## THEOREM XIII.

The fluent of  $\frac{y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{\sqrt{y^2 - a^2}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from

$a$  becomes equal to  $2^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1 \times a$ , is  $= 2^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1 \times a^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $- \frac{L}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$

*Note.* The *whole* fluent is infinite.

## THEOREM XIV.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{y^{-2} \dot{y}}{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}}.$$

$$F =$$

$$F = K + \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times \frac{ae + e'e'' - E''}{ac + AD - DP} = K + \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times$$

$$x = \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} - y.$$

## THEOREM XV.

The fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from

$a$  becomes equal to  $a$ , is  $= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times M.$

## THEOREM XVI.

The *whole* fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}}$  is  $= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times M.$

## THEOREM XVII.

$$F = \frac{y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times \frac{ae + 2 e'e'' - 2 E'' + \frac{1}{2} DP}{ac + AD - DP}$$

$$= K + \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times \frac{AD - \frac{1}{2} DP}{ac + AD - DP}.$$

$$x = \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}^{\frac{1}{2}} - y.$$

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## THEOREM XVIII.

The fluent of  $\frac{y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from  
 $a$  becomes equal to  $a$ , is  $= \sqrt{2a - \frac{2}{a}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \times L$ .

*Note.* The *whole* fluent is infinite.

## THEOREM XIX.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{\dot{y}}{a^2 - y^2}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{2}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times \frac{2E'' - 2e'e'' - ae}{2} = K + \frac{2}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\times \overline{DP - AD}.$$

$$x = \sqrt{a^2 - y^2}$$

## THEOREM XX.

The fluent of  $\frac{\dot{y}}{a^2 - y^2}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from

$$a \text{ becomes equal to } \sqrt{2\frac{3}{2} - 2} \times a, \text{ is } = \frac{L}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} +$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{2} - 1 \times a^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

## ARTICLE VI.

A.

## COLLECTION OF PROBLEMS.

To be answered in Number III.

I. QUESTION 9, by *Juvenis Mathematicus*.

From the data, dear Gents, which are placed below,  
The greatest of *secrets* I would have you to shew.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x^2 + z^2 - 2yz + y^2 &= 170 = a \\ y^2 + z^2 - 2zx + x^2 &= 234 = m \\ z^2 + y^2 - 2yx + x^2 &= 80 = n \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Where } x, y \text{ and} \\ z \text{ represent the} \\ \text{places in the al-} \\ \text{phabet composing the secret?} \end{array}$$

II. QUESTION 10, by *Mr. T. Bulmer, Sunderland*.

There is a cone, which being suspended by its vertex, the number of vibrations it makes in a minute, its altitude, and the radius of its base in inches, are as 11, 10 and 1:—Required how often it vibrates in a minute and its solid content?

III. QUESTION 11, by *Mr. J. Surtees, Sunderland*.

It is required to find the pressure of water with the velocity of 0.00002 feet per second, against a flood-gate placed perpendicular to the horizon, whose breadth is 18, and depth 12 feet?

IV.

IV. QUESTION 12, by *Mr. J. Rutherford, Weardale.*

On Midsummer-day, in latitude  $54^{\circ} 40'$  north, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, I observed the sun to shine into a shaft made for the purpose of winding up the ore got in the mines; the declination of the shaft I found was S. S. W. and breadth 4 feet:—*Query* the depth to which the sun shined therein, and the length of his longest ray from the upper edge of the shaft, to the lowest point enlightened thereby on the opposite side?

V. QUESTION 13, by *Mr. Burdon, Acafter-Malbis.*

There are three towns A, B and C, the roads to which, from one another, form a right-angled triangle. Now a person had to travel from the town B at the right angle to A; but after going two miles, had occasion to call somewhere on the road from A to C; he therefore takes the nearest way to it, and then finds he is one mile and a half from A and three from C:—*Query* the distance from B to C, and the number of miles he had travelled when arrived at A?

VI. QUESTION 14, by *Plus-Minus, Selby.*

A person of my acquaintance has an equilateral triangular yard to be divided into three parts by paling, drawn from the center of a bafon, somewhere within it, to the nearest point in each side. Now he is informed that it will cost him as much doing at 12s. 6d. per pole, as the whole yard would paving at 9d. per yard:—*Query* the sides and area of the said yard?

## VII.



VII. QUESTION 15, *by Mr. Collin Campbell, Kendal.*

If FGHI, KCML (fig. 31.) be two wheels, revolving round the centres S, O, and connected by the flexible band FGHMLKF. It is required to determine the friction of that band on each wheel, supposing the center S fixed, and the centre O urged by a force in the direction  $SO = T$ .

VIII. QUESTION 16, *by Mr. J. Fletcher, Liverpool.*

Seeing an exciseman's staff in form of a cylinder, three-fourths of an inch in diameter, and thirty-six inches long, immersed in a vessel of beer at one end, the other resting on the edge of the vessel 3 inches above the liquor, I observed 13 inches along the staff's axis to be dry:—Required the weight of the staff? a cubic inch of beer weighing 0.5949 oz. aver.

IX. QUESTION 17, *from Lawson on the Ancient Analysis.*

Let there be a triangle ABC, whose base BC is bisected in D, and through the vertex A a line AE drawn parallel to BC, and any line drawn through D to meet AB, AC, AE in F, G, H; then I say  $GD : DF :: GH : HF$ :—Required the demonstration?

X. QUESTION 18, *from the same.*

If in AB the diameter of a circle two points C and D be taken such that  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ , and through the point D any line be drawn to meet the circle in E and F, and CE, CF be joined; then I say

say  $EC : CF :: ED : DF$  :—Required the demonstration ?

**XL QUESTION 19,** *from Stewart's General Theorems.*

Let there be any number of given points  $A, B, C,$  &c. and let  $a, b, c,$  &c. be given magnitudes as many in number as there are given points ; a point  $X$  may be found, such, that if from the given points  $A, B, C,$  &c. there be drawn right lines to the point  $X$ , and from the given points and the point  $X$  there be drawn right lines to any point  $Y$ , the square of  $AY$  together with the space to which the square of  $BY$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $CY$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the square of  $AX$  together with the space to which the square of  $BX$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $CX$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, together with the space to which the square of  $XY$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c,$  &c.—Required the demonstration ?

**XII. QUESTION 20,** *by Mr. R. Simpson.*

Bartered a piece of broad-cloth, containing  $a$  yards at  $b$  shillings per yard, for a piece of fine Irish linen and another of cambric. Now the ratio of the yards in these two pieces was that of  $c$  to  $d$ , and the ratio of their values per yard, in shillings, that of  $m$  to  $n$  ; also the rated price of the linen per yard, was to the number of yards in the piece as  $r$  to  $s$  :—Required the yards, prices per yard, and values of the two pieces ?

**QUESTION**

**XIII. QUESTION 21, by Mr. Olinthus Gilbert Gregory.**

The axis of a sphere is 12 inches; what is the difference between the solidity of this sphere, and that of a cone whose slant height is to the radius of its base as 3 to 1, and the whole surface equal to the surface of the sphere?

**XIV. QUESTION 22, by Mr. John Lowry.**

If tangents be drawn from the extremities of a given oblique parabola; it is required to determine the area of the greatest ellipsis that can be inscribed in the space included between the tangents and the curve?

**XV. QUESTION 23, by Mr. Lowry.**

Given the perimeter, the vertical angle and area of a spherical triangle to determine it?

**XVI. QUESTION 24, by Mr. W. Pearson, North Shields.**

The fluent of  $\overline{a + cz^n}^m \times z^{pn-1} \dot{z}$  being given, from p. 94. of *Simpson's Fluxions*, it is required to find the fluents of  $\overline{a + cz^n}^{m-r} \times z^{pn+vn-1} \dot{z}$ , of  $\overline{a + cz^n}^{m+r} \times z^{pn-vn-1} \dot{z}$ , and also of  $\overline{a + cz^n}^{m-r} \times z^{pn-vn-1} \dot{z}$ ?

**QUESTION**

XVII. QUESTION 25, *by Pappus, junior.*

In the straight line AB, take BC so that AC may be triple of CB; and let D be any point in AB; I say, the ratio of the cube of DA to the cube of AC will be less than the ratio of BC to BD. Required the demonstration?

XVIII. QUESTION 26, *by Mr. Thomas Leybourn.*

Given  $\frac{p\dot{x}}{x} + \frac{q\dot{y}}{y} = \frac{x^m \dot{x}}{ay^n}$ ; to find the relation of the fluents?

XIX. QUESTION 27, *by Tommy Fluxion.*

Required the fluxion of  $\overline{x-y}^z$  where all the quantities are variable?

XX. QUESTION 28, *being Prop. 2nd. of Mat Laurin's Geometria Organica.*

Determinare Curvarum Assymptotos atque Species.

Required an English translation and solution, according to the author's method, as also any other method.

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ARTICLE VII.

*A curious Problem, with its Investigation, from the Gentleman's Magazine, for May, 1768, by Mr. THOMAS TODD, of Scorton, (late of West-Smithfield, London.)*

PROBLEM. Fig. 33, Plate 2.

**R**EQUIRED the value of a Solid, generated by the rotation of any hyperbolic Segment, round an ordinate as axis? And also the Segments GeGI, cut off by circular sections GeG, perpendicular to the section II.

INVESTIGATION.

If  $c = 3.14159265$  &c.  $m = Cb = bO$  the semi-transverse diameter,  $n = bB$  its correspondent semi-conjugate,  $r = bN = dR$ ,  $s = \text{nat. sine of angle GR}$  or  $OND$  and  $p$  its cosine,  $h = ON$ ,  $v = GR$ ;

then by the hyper.  $m : n :: \sqrt{2mh + h^2} : \frac{n}{m} \sqrt{2m}$

$\overline{h + h^2} = IN = a = \frac{n}{m} \sqrt{r^2 - m^2}$  and put  $u = dG$

$= bM$ ,  $x = GM = RN$ ;  $dB \parallel$  to  $GG$  and  $II$ ;  $Ge$  and  $OD \perp II$ ; then by the hyper. (prop. 7. page 58, and cor. 3, page 77. *De la Hospital's* Con.)

we have  $m^2 : n^2 :: \overline{u + m} (CM) \times \overline{u - m} (OM) : \frac{n^2}{m^2}$

$\times (u^2 - m^2) = x^2 = GM^2$ ; whence  $bM = u = \frac{m}{n} \sqrt{n^2 + x^2}$ ;  $GR (= MN) = r - \frac{m}{n} \sqrt{n^2 + x^2}$ ,

and  $Ge$  (by trigonometry)  $= sr - \frac{sm}{n} \sqrt{n^2 + x^2}$ ;

$Ge^2 = s^2 \times (r^2 - \frac{2rm}{n} \sqrt{n^2 + x^2} + m^2 + \frac{m^2 x^2}{n^2})$ ,

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consequently the fluxion of the solid GRGONO =  $\dot{S}$  ( $= c. \overline{Ge}^2 \times \text{flux. of NR}$ )  $= cs^2 \times (r^2 \dot{x} - \frac{2rm\dot{x}}{n} \sqrt{n^2 + x^2} + m^2 \dot{x} + \frac{m^2 x^2 \dot{x}}{n^2})$  whose correct fluent  $S = cs^2 \times (r^2 x + m^2 x + \frac{m^2 x^3}{3n^2} - \frac{mr x}{n} \sqrt{n^2 + x^2} - mrn \times \text{hyp. log. of } \frac{x + \sqrt{n^2 + x^2}}{n})$  the solid itself, where  $S = 0$  when  $x = 0$ .

## OBSERVATIONS.

*First.* The Cone ONOD — Cone GRGe + S = the frustum GeGODO on the left side of ODO. Cone GRGe — Cone ONOD + S = frustum GeGODO on the right side of ODO; and the sum of the frustums =  $2S = \text{GOGGOG}$  the two frustums together when the lesser diameters are equal. And when  $x = a = \text{IN}$ , we get the whole solid =  $2cs^2$

$$\times (r^2 a + m^2 a + \frac{m^2 a^3}{3n^2} - \frac{mra}{n} \sqrt{n^2 + a^2} - mrn \times \text{hyp. log. of } \frac{a + \sqrt{n^2 + a^2}}{n} = \text{the whole solid}$$

generated by the segment IOI round II, and one half of this is half the solid = IONO.

*Second.* The greater segment GeGI =  $\frac{1}{2}$  solid O NOI — solid ONOGRG (S) + Cone GRGe; and the lesser segment GeGI =  $\frac{1}{2}$  solid ONOI — solid ONOGRG (S) — Cone GRGe. And, if to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the solid ONOI, we add and subtract the Cone ONOD, the sum and difference, will give the two solids IODO, parted by the circular section ODO.

*Third.* The Cones GRGe, ONOD (generated in the solid) mentioned above are thus found, viz. Rad.  $1 : v :: p : pv = \text{Re}$ , and Rad.  $1 : v :: s : sv = \text{Ge}$  therefore the Cone GRGe =  $\frac{1}{3} cs^2 pv^3$ , and in like manner Cone ONOG =  $\frac{1}{3} cs^2 ph^3$ .

*Fourth.*



*Fourth.* There will another problem arise, viz. to find a segment GOG cut off parallel to the fixed axis II.

### SCHOLIUM.

The above is an explanation of the Gentleman's Mag. solution, mentioned above, and the fluxion and fluent S of the solid GRGONO, found above, is of the very same value as that given in the Magazine, and half the solid IONO found from it, when  $x = a = \text{IN}$ . Then from these as *data*, and the nature of the solid, the frustums and segments are in terms given or known, as shewn in the above solution. Your readers may compare this with the remarks and scholium, made at the end of the solutions to this Question, in the first and second editions of a book of Mensuration. In the quarto edition, page 400, the solution is corrected in page 21, 22, of the *Miscellanea Mathematica*. This solution proves the falsity of the censure against the magazine solution.

In justice to myself, I wish to inform the readers of the REPOSITORY and others, that two of my solutions in *British Diary* for 1792, one in page 41, 42, and the other in page 43, 44, are both spoiled by the Editor and Printer of that Diary; and the figures and letters are not as I sent them. Also question 8, page 47, of the same Diary, by *Philalathes Cleasbyensis*, (one would think by design) is made nonsense of. And the true values of  $y$  and  $x$  to question 2, page 33, of the same Diary, are  $y = 1.013718$ , and  $x = 432.3741$ , numbers very different from those given in that Diary. Once more, (with the Editor's permission) I invite Mr. *Tho. Keith* to give his proof, of what he has boldly affirmed in page 65, of his *Key or Arithmetical Appendix*, against my equatement solution, given in the *Ladies Diary*, for 1789; and as the

solution is more explained in No. 10 of the *Scientific Receptacle*, I expect Mr. *Keith* will do his business effectually, or, like a man who loves truth, when he finds himself in errors, acknowledge them. Also in Cor. 2, page 64, in his appendix solution for four debts, it is expected Mr. *Keith* will shew how he knew from his process that his  $x$  equated time, would fall between the second and third debts.

*To the Editor of the Mathematical Repository.*

SIR,

I Have inclosed the above Problem, with the Investigation, Observations, and Scholium; which I hope you will do me the favour to insert in No. 2, of the *REPOSITORY*, and you will oblige,

Sir, your very humble servant,

THOMAS TODD.

Scorton, June 10, 1796.

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#### ARTICLE VIII.

*A remarkable new Property of the Cycloid discovered, which suggests a new method of regulating the motion of a Clock.*

*From Mr. LANDEN's MEMOIRS.*

LET  $A'B'P'E'Q'$ ,  $A''B''P''E''Q''$  (Fig. 29, Plate 1, in No. 1) be two similar curved small tubes, situated exactly alike in a vertical plane; let a small ball be supposed to be put into each tube; and, both the balls  $P'$ ,  $P''$  being equal, let them be conceived to be connected by a perfectly flexible line, without weight, passing from  $P'$  up the tube wherein it is put to the top  $A'$ , and from thence to the top  $A''$  of the other tube, then down that other tube to  $P''$ : let that flexible line ( $P'A'A''P''$ ) be equal to  $E'B'A'A''E''$ ; and  $A'A''$ ,  $B'B''$ ,  $E'E''$ ,  $Q'Q''$ , being horizontal lines, let  $B'E'$ ,  $E'Q'$ ,  $B''E''$ ,  $E''Q''$ ,  
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be all equal, that, the balls being moved,  $P''$  may be at  $Q''$ ,  $E''$ , or  $B''$ , when  $P'$  shall be at  $B'$ ,  $E'$ , or  $Q'$  respectively. Then the ball  $P'$  being raised to  $B'$ , and left to descend from thence in the tube  $A'B'E'Q'$ ; and the ball  $P''$ , during the descent of  $P'$ , being drawn up the other tube from  $Q''$ , by means of the said connecting line; it is proposed to find the nature of the curve into which the tubes must be bent, that the time of descent of the ball  $P'$  (so connected with the ball  $P''$ ) from  $B'$  to  $Q'$ , may always be the same, let the height  $B'E'$  be what it will.

Put  $a$  for the length of the part  $B'E'$  of the tube into which the ball  $P'$  is supposed to be put;  $b$  for the vertical height of  $B'$  above  $E'$ ;  $z$  for the space passed over by  $P'$  in the tube in its descent;  $x$  for the vertical descent of  $P'$ ;  $y$  for the vertical ascent of  $P''$ ;  $v$  for the velocity of each of the balls;  $t$  for the time elapsed during the descent of  $P'$ ; and  $g$  for  $32\frac{1}{2}$  feet, the accelerative force of gravity: then will  $g\dot{x}P' \div \dot{z}$  be the motive force by which the velocity  $v$  will be accelerated,  $g\dot{y}P'' \div \dot{z}$  the motive force by which  $v$  will be retarded, and  $\frac{1}{2}g.(\dot{x}-\dot{y}) \div \dot{z}$  the actual accelerating force of each ball. Now, that  $P'$  may always arrive at  $E'$  in the same time, let the distance  $B'E'$  be what it will, its accelerating force must be always as the space to be passed over during such descent \*;

\* Let  $s$  be any space to be passed over,  $z$  a part of that space; and suppose that, in the time  $t$ , the moving body has passed over that part  $z$ , and has acquired a velocity  $v$  by the continued action of an accelerating force  $= c. (s-z)$ . Then will  $c. (s-z). \dot{z} \div v = \dot{v}$ , and consequently  $csz - \frac{1}{2}cz^2 = \frac{1}{2}v^2$ ,  $v$  being  $= 0$  when  $z$  is  $= 0$ . Moreover  $\dot{t} (= \dot{z} \div v)$  will be  $= \dot{z} \div c\sqrt{2sz - z^2}$ : and hence  $t$  is found  $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} \times$  circ. arc, radius 1, versed sine  $z \div s$ , consequently taking  $z$  equal to  $s$ , we find the whole time of passing over the space  $s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} \times$  quadrantal arc of the circle whose radius is 1. which,  $c$  being given, is always the same, let  $s$  be what it will.

that is,  $\frac{1}{2}g. (\dot{x}-\dot{y}) \div \dot{z}$  must be  $= c. (a-z)$ ,  $c$  being some variable quantity not yet known. Whence we have  $g. (\dot{x}-\dot{y}) \div c = 2a\dot{z} - 2z\dot{z}$ ; and, by taking the fluents, we find  $g. (\dot{x}-\dot{y}) \div c = 2az - z^2$ .

*Second.* Let ABPERQN (Fig. 30, Pl. 1, in No. 1) be a semi-cycloid inverted, the diameter MH *pl*r KN of whose generating circle is  $d$ : let AB be  $= c$ , BE  $=$  EQ  $= a$ , HI  $= b$ , Hp  $= x$ , Kr  $= y$ , and BP  $=$  QR  $= z$ ; BH, Pp, EI, Rr. and QK being each parallel to the horizontal line AM. We shall then by the nature of the curve, have AN  $= 2d$ , HN  $= (2d - c)^2 \div 4d$ , Np  $= (2d - c - z)^2 \div 4d$ , NK  $= (2d - c - 2a)^2 \div 4d$ , Nr  $= (2d - c - 2a + z)^2 \div 4d$ ,  $(\overline{2d - c}^2 - \overline{2d - c - z}^2) \div 4d =$  HN - Np  $= x$ , and  $(\overline{2d - c - 2a + z}^2 - \overline{2d - c - 2a}^2) \div 4d =$  Nr - NK  $= y$ . Hence, it appearing by subtraction that  $x - y$  is  $= (4az - 2z^2) \div 4d$ , we have  $g. (x - y) \div c = g. (4az - 2z^2) \div 4dc$ ; which, if  $c$  be  $= g \div 2d$ , will be  $= 2az - z^2$ , and the equation the same as that which we have deduced in the preceding article. It appears, therefore, that our cycloid is the curve required; and, the accelerating force of the ball P' being  $= g. (a - z) \div 2d$ , the time of its descent from B' to Q' ( $=$  twice the time of descent from B' to E')  $= \sqrt{2d \div g} \times \text{semicircle, rad. 1}$ , which,  $d$  being given, will be the same, let B'E' be what it will; and will be equal to twice the time of free descent, from B to N, in the same cycloid; or the limit of the time of vibration (in a circular arc) of a pendulum whose length is  $2d$ .

It is obvious that the consequence will be the same, if P', P'' be similar, slender chains perfectly flexible. When P' shall have descended from B' to Q', P'' having been drawn up from Q'' to B'', will begin

begin to descend from the last mentioned point and draw  $P'$  upwards, so that a vibratory motion will ensue, which will be such, that, abstracting from friction, the time of vibration will be the same, from what point soever  $P'$  may begin to move, and whatever may be the length of the line connecting the balls or chains. By means of which line a rod applied to a clock may be made to vibrate in any plane whatever: and only small parts of the cycloidal tubes being requisite, the mechanism may, in a little room, be so adapted, by taking the diameter  $d$  of a proper length, (agreeable to what is proved above,) that any given number of vibrations shall be performed in a given time.

The evolute of the cycloid being a similar cycloid, the balls ( $P'$ ,  $P''$ ) may be easily made to describe any cycloidal arcs by evolution; and, by substituting evolutes instead of tubes, the friction of the movement may be diminished; but it will then take up more room.

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#### ARTICLE IX.

*Observations on the fundamental Property of the Lever; with a Proof of the Principle assumed by Archimedes, in his Demonstration: By the Rev. S. Vince, A. M. F. R. S.\**

**T**HE want of a demonstration of the property of the lever, upon clear and self-evident principles, has justly been considered as a great desideratum in the science of mechanics, as the most important parts of that branch of natural philosophy are founded upon it. *Archimedes* was, I believe, the first who attempted it. He supposes, that if two equal bodies be placed upon a lever, their effect to turn it about any point is the same as if they were placed

\* Vide Philosophical Transactions, for 1794.

in the middle point between them. This proposition is by no means self-evident, and therefore the investigation which is founded upon it has been rejected as imperfect. *Huygens* observes, that some mathematicians, not satisfied with the principle here taken for granted, have, by altering the form of the demonstration, endeavoured to render its defects less sensible, but without success. He then attempts a demonstration of his own, in which he takes for granted, that if the same weight be removed to a greater distance from the fulcrum, the effect to turn about the lever will be greater; this is a principle by no means to be admitted, when we are supposed to be totally ignorant of the effects of weights upon a lever at different distances from the fulcrum. Moreover, if it were self-evident, his demonstration only holds when the lengths of the arms are commensurable. Sir *I. Newton* has given a demonstration, in which it is supposed, that if a given weight act in any direction, and any radii be drawn from the fulcrum to the line of direction, the effect to turn the lever will be the same on which ever of the radii it acts. But some of the most eminent mathematicians since his time have objected to this principle, as being far from self-evident, and in consequence thereof have attempted to demonstrate the proposition upon more clear and satisfactory principles. The demonstration by *Mac Laurin*, as far as it goes, is certainly very satisfactory; but as he collects the truth of the proposition only from induction, and has not extended it to the case where the arms are incommensurable, his demonstration is imperfect. The demonstration given by *Dr. Hamilton*, in his *Essays*, depends upon this proposition, that when a body is at rest, and acted upon by three forces, they will be as the three sides of a triangle parallel to the directions of the forces. Now this is true, when the three forces act at any point of a body; whereas, considering the lever as the body, the  
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three forces act at different points, and therefore the principle, as applied by the author, is certainly not applicable. If in this demonstration we suppose a plane body, in which the three forces act, instead of simply a lever, then, the three forces being actually directed to the same point of the body, the body would be at rest. But in reasoning from this to the case of the lever, the same difficulties would arise, as in the proof of Sir *I. Newton*. But admitting that all other objections could be removed, the demonstration fails when any two of the forces are parallel. Another demonstration is founded upon this principle, that if two non-elastic bodies meet with equal quantities of motion, they will after impact, continue at rest; and hence it is concluded, that if a lever which is in equilibrio be put in motion, the motions of the two bodies must be equal; and therefore the pressures of these bodies upon the lever at rest, to put it in motion, must be as their motions. Now, in the first place, this is comparing the effects of pressure and motion, the relation of the measures of which, or whether they admit of any relation, we are totally unacquainted with. Moreover, they act under very different circumstances; for, in the former case, the bodies acted immediately on each other, and in the latter they act by means of a lever, the properties of which we are supposed to be ignorant of. When forces act on a body, considered as a point, or directly against the same point of any body, we only estimate the effect of these forces to move the body out of its place, and no rotatory motion is either generated, or any causes to produce it, considered in the investigation. When we, therefore, apply the same proposition to investigate the effect of the forces to generate a rotatory motion, we manifestly apply it to a case which is not contained in it, nor to which there is a single principle applicable. The demonstration  
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given by *Mr. Landen*, in his Memoirs, is founded upon self-evident principles, nor do I see any objections to his reasoning upon them. But as his investigation consists of several cases, and is, besides, very long and tedious, something more simple is still much to be wished for, proper to be introduced in an elementary treatise of mechanics, so as not to perplex the young student, either by the length of the demonstration, or want of evidence in its principles. What I here propose to offer will, I hope, render the whole business not only very simple, but also perfectly satisfactory.

The demonstration given by *Archimedes* would be very satisfactory and elegant, provided the principle on which it is founded could be clearly proved; viz. *that two equal powers at the extremities, or their sum at the middle of a lever, would have equal effects to move it about any point.* Now, that the effects will be the same, so far as respects any *progressive* motion being communicated to the lever, when at liberty to move freely, is sufficiently clear; but there is no evidence whatever that the effects will be the same to give the lever a *rotatory* motion about any point, because a very different motion is then produced, and we are supposed to know nothing about the efficacy of a force at different distances from the fulcrum to produce such a motion. Besides, the two motions are not only different, but the *same* forces are known to produce *different* effects in the two cases; for in the former case the two *equal* powers at the extremities of the arms produce *equal* effects in generating a *progressive* motion; but in the latter case they do *not* produce *equal* effects in generating a *rotatory* motion. We cannot therefore reason from one to the other. The principle, however, may be thus proved.

Let AC, (Figure 41, Plate 2.) be two equal bodies placed on a straight lever, AP moveable about P; bisect AC in B, produce PA to

to  $Q$ , and take  $BQ = BP$ , and suppose the end  $Q$  to be sustained by a prop. Then as  $A$  and  $C$  are similarly situated in respect to each end of the lever, that is,  $AP = CQ$ , and  $AQ = CP$ , the prop and fulcrum must bear equal parts of the whole weight; and therefore the prop at  $Q$  will be pressed with a weight equal to  $A$ . Now take away the weights  $A$  and  $C$ , and put a weight at  $B$  equal to their sum, and then the weight at  $B$  being equally distant from  $Q$  and  $P$ , the prop and fulcrum must sustain equal parts of the whole weight, and therefore the prop will now also sustain a weight equal to  $A$ . Hence if the prop  $Q$  be taken away, the moving force to turn the lever about  $P$  in both cases must evidently be the same; therefore the effects of  $A$  and  $C$  upon the lever to turn it about any point are the same as when they are both placed in the middle point between them. And the same is manifestly true if  $A$  and  $C$  be placed without the fulcrum and prop. If therefore  $AC$  be a cylindrical lever of uniform density, its effect to turn itself about any point will be the same as if the whole were collected into the middle point  $B$ ; which follows from what has been already proved, by conceiving the whole cylinder to be divided into an infinite number of laminæ perpendicular to its axis, of equal thicknesses.

The principle therefore assumed by *Archimedes* is thus established upon the most self-evident principle, that is, that *equal* bodies at *equal* distances must produce *equal* effects; which is manifest from this consideration, that when *all* the circumstances in the cause are equal, the effects must be equal. Thus the whole demonstration of *Archimedes* is rendered perfectly complete, and at the same time it is very short and simple. The other part of the demonstration we shall here insert, for the use of those who may not be acquainted with it.

Let

Let  $XY^*$  be a cylinder, which biseft in  $A$ , on which point it would manifestly rest. Take any point  $Z$ , and biseft  $ZX$  in  $B$ , and  $ZY$  in  $C$ ; then, from what has been proved, the effects of the two parts  $ZX$ ,  $ZY$  to turn the lever about  $A$  is the same as if the weight of each part were collected into  $B$  and  $C$  respectively, which weights are manifestly as  $ZX$ ,  $ZY$ , and which therefore conceive to be placed at  $B$  and  $C$ . Now  $AB = AX - XB = \frac{1}{2}XY - \frac{1}{2}XZ = \frac{1}{2}YZ$ ; and  $AC = AY - YC = \frac{1}{2}XY - \frac{1}{2}ZY = \frac{1}{2}XZ$ ; consequently  $AB : AC :: \frac{1}{2}YZ : \frac{1}{2}XZ :: YZ : XZ ::$  the weight at  $C : \text{the weight at } B$ .

The property of the straight lever being thus established, every thing relative to the bent lever immediately follows.

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#### ARTICLE X.

*Investigations, founded on the Theory of Motion, for determining the Times of Vibration of Watch Balances.* By George Atwood, Esq. F. R. S. ¶

**I**NSTRUMENTS for measuring time by vibratory § motion were invented early in the sixteenth † century: the single pendulum ‡ had been known to afford a very exact measure of time long before this period; yet it appears, from the testimony

\* Fig. 42, Plate 2. ¶ Vide Philosophical Transactions, 1794.

§ The ancients, as early as 140 years before CHRIST (probably much earlier) were acquainted with the use of wheel-work in constructing instruments for measuring time. "Denticuli alius alium impellentes, versationes modicas faciunt ac motiones," is the expression of VITRUVIUS in describing a machine, one of the principal uses of which was to indicate the hour of the day. Vibrations are nowhere mentioned or alluded to in the descriptions of the clocks constructed by the ancients. Dr. DERHAM on clock-work p. 86.

† About the year 1500, according to some accounts.

‡ TYCHO BRAHE is supposed to have used the pendulum in astronomical observations. RICCIOLUS, KIRCHER, MERSENNUS, and many others, are expressly mentioned by STURMIUS to have employed this method of measuring time.

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of historical accounts, as well as other evidences, that the balance was universally adopted in the construction of the first clocks and watches; nor was it till the year 1657 that Mr. *Huygens* united pendulums with clock-work.

The first essays of an invention, formed on principles at once new and complicated, we may suppose were imperfectly executed. In the watches of the earlier constructions, some of which are still preserved, the balance vibrated merely by the impulses of the wheels, without other controul or regulation: the motion communicated to the balance by one impulse continued till it was destroyed, partly by friction, and partly by a succeeding impulse in the opposite direction; the vibrations must of course have been very unsteady and irregular.

These imperfections were in a great measure remedied by Dr. *Hooke's* ingenious invention of applying a spiral spring to the balance\*: the action of this spring on the balance of a watch is similar to that of gravity on a pendulum: each kind of force has the effect of correcting the irregularities of impulse and resistance, which otherwise disturb the isochronism of the vibrations.

During the present century, various improvements have been made in the construction of watches, principally by the artists of this country, to whose ingenuity and skill, aided and encouraged by public rewards, we must attribute the excellence of the modern watches and time-keepers, so highly valuable for their uses in geography, navigation, and astronomy.

\* Anno 1658.—An inscription on a balance-spring watch, presented to King Charles II. fixes the date of this invention to the year 1658. Dr. Derham relates, that he had seen the watch, on which the following inscription was engraved: "Robert Hooke invent. 1658. T. Tompion fecit, 1675." Dr. Derham on Clock-work, p. 103.

The principles on which time-keepers are constructed, considered in a theoretical view, afford an interesting subject of investigation. It is always satisfactory to compare the motion of machines with the general law of mechanics, whenever friction and other irregular force are so far diminished as to allow of a reference to theory, especially if inferences, likely to be of practical use, may be derived from such comparison. In time-keepers, the irregular forces, both of impulse and resistance, are much diminished by the exactness of form and dimension which is given to each part of the work; and they are further corrected by the maintaining power derived from the main spring; for whatever motion is lost by the balance from resistance of any kind, almost the same motion is communicated by the maintaining power, so as to continue the arc of vibration, as nearly as possible, of the same length.

In these machines, the real measure of time is the balance, all the other work serving only to continue the motion of the balance, and to indicate the time, as measured by its vibrations. The regularity of a time-keeper will therefore depend on that of the time in which the balance vibrates: to investigate this time of vibration, from the several data or conditions on which it depends, is the object of the ensuing pages.

Let PMNS (Fig. 79, Pl. 5. No. 3.) represent the circumference of a watch balance, which vibrates by the action of a spiral \* spring, on an axis passing through the centre C. Let ODBE be the circumference of a concentric circle, considered as fixed, to which the motion of the balance may be referred. In the circumference of this circle let any point O, be assumed, and when the balance is in its quiescent

\* In these investigations it is indifferent whether the balance is supposed to vibrate by the action of a spiral or helical spring.

position,

position, suppose a line to be drawn through C and O, intersecting the circumference of the balance in the point A; the radius CA will be an index, by which the position of the balance, and its motion through any different arcs of vibration, will be truly defined. In the ensuing pages, the motion of the balance, and the motion of the index CA, will be used indifferently, as terms conveying the same meaning. Since the balance is in its quiescent position when the index CA is directed to the fixed point O, on this account O is called the point of quiescence of the balance, or balance spring, indicating the position when the balance is not impelled by the spring's elastic force either in one direction or the other. If the balance should be turned through any angle OC B, the spiral spring being wound through the same angle, endeavours by its elastic force to restore itself; and when at liberty, impels the balance through the arc B O with an accelerated velocity till it arrives at the position O, where the force of acceleration ceases; with the velocity acquired at O, the balance proceeds in its vibration, describing the arc O E with a retarded motion.

The elastic forces of the spring at equal distances on the opposite sides of the point O, are assumed to be equal; it is also assumed that the effects of friction and other irregular resistances which retard the motion of the balance, are compensated by the maintaining power, so that the time of describing the first arc of vibration B O by an accelerated motion shall be equal to the time of describing the latter arc O E by a retarded motion, and that the entire arc of vibration BOE is bisected by the point O.

To render the construction of Fig. 79. more distinct, the fixed circle ODBE is represented to be at a small distance from the circumference of the balance, but is to be considered as coincident with it, so that the arc BO subtending the angle BCO, may be of the

same length with an arc of the circumference of the balance which subtends the same angle BCO: on this principle CO or CA may be taken indifferently as the radius of the balance.

The determination of the time in which the balance vibrates, from the theory of motion, requires the following particulars to be known.

1st. The spring's elastic force, which impels the circumference of the balance when it is at a given angular distance OD (Fig. 79, Plate 5, No. 3.) from the quiescent point O.

2dly. The law or ratio observed in the variation of the spring's force, while the balance is impelled from the extremity of the semiarc B to the point of quiescence O, where all acceleration ceases.

3dly. The weight of the balance, including the parts which vibrate with it.

4thly. The radius of the balance CO, and the distance of the centre of gyration from the axis of motion CG.

5thly. The length of the semiarc BO.

Suppose the plane of the balance to be placed vertically, and let a weight P (Fig. 80, Plate 5, No. 3.) be applied, by means of a line suspended freely from the circumference at T, to counterpoise the elastic force of the spring when the balance is wound through an angle from quiescence OCD. This weight P (the weight of the line being allowed for) will be the force of the spiral spring which impels the circumference of the balance, when at the angular distance OD, from the quiescent position.

It appears from many experiments, that the weights necessary to counterpoise a spiral spring's elastic force, when the balance is wound to the several distances from the quiescent point, represented \* by the arcs OG, OH, OI, (Fig. 81, Plate 5, No. 3.) &c.

\* BERTHOUD *Traité des Horloges marines*, p. 49.

are nearly in the ratio of those several arcs. It also appears, that the shape, the length, and number of turns of the spiral may be so adjusted to each other, that the forces of elasticity shall be counterpoised by weights which are in the precise ratio of the angular distances from the quiescent position, or, as it is sometimes expressed, in the ratio of the spring's tensions; at least as nearly as can be ascertained by experiment: this law of elastic force is assumed in the subsequent investigation.

*To be continued.*

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#### ARTICLE XI.

### LUCUBRATIONS IN SPHERICS.

By Mr. JOHN LOWRY.

*PROP. X. THEOREM. Fig. 70, Plate 4.*

**I**N any spherical triangle, the rectangle contained under the fines of the base and perpendicular, is equal to the product of the sine of the sum of the sides, tangent of the arch bisecting the vertical angle, and the sine of half that angle.

*Demon.* Let S, C, Q, F represent the fines, and S', C', Q', F' the cofines of AG, BG, DG (arch bisecting the vertical angle AGB,) and  $\angle$  AGB or BGD (half the vertical angle) respectively, to the radius unity.

Then by p. 214 Em. Trig.  $\cot. ADG = (SQ'F' - QS') \div SF$ ,  
 and  $\cot. BDG = (QC' - CQ'F') \div CF$ ,  
 hence  $(SQ'F' - QS') \div SF = (QC' - CQ'F') \div CF$ ,  
 or  $2CSQ'F' = (SC' + CS') \cdot Q$ ;  
 but by pr. 2. cor. 1. Sim. Trig.  $(SC' + CS') \cdot Q = f.(AG + GB) \cdot Q$ ,  
 therefore  $2CSQ'F' = f.(AG + GB) \cdot Q$ ,  
 or  $CS = f.(AG + GB) \cdot (Q \div Q') \div 2F'$ ;  
 but  $Q \div Q' = f. DG \div \cot. DG = \tan. DG$ ,  
 I 3 therefore



therefore  $CS = f. (AG + GB) \cdot \tan. DG \div 2F'$ ;  
 but prop. II.  $CS = f. AB \cdot f. GP \div f. \angle AGB, =$   
 (by sch. 1. prop. 2. book 1. Em. Trig.)  $= f. AB \cdot f. GP \div 2FF$ ,  
 hence by eq.  $f. AB \cdot f. GP \div 2FF = f. (AG + GB) \cdot \tan. DG \div 2F'$ ,  
 therefore  $f. AB \cdot f. GP = f. (AG + GB) \cdot \tan. DG \cdot F$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*Cor.*  $F' = f. (AG + GB) \cdot \tan. DG \div 2CS$ .

**PROP. XI. THEOREM.** *Fig. 63, Plate 3.*

If three arches be drawn from the three angular points of a spherical triangle  $ABC$ , to any point  $P$ ; I say the product of the sines of the alternate angles will be equal.

*Demon.* From the triangles  $ACP, CBP, ABP$ , we have by trig.  $f. CAP \div f. CP :: f. ACP \div f. AP$ ,  
 and  $f. BCP \div f. BP :: f. CBP \div f. CP$ ,  
 and  $f. ABP \div f. AP :: f. BAP \div f. BP$ ;

hence by compounding, it will be

$f. CAP \cdot f. BCP \cdot f. ABP \cdot f. CP \cdot f. BP \cdot f. AP :: f. ACP \cdot f. CBP \cdot f. BAP \cdot f. AP \cdot f. CP \cdot f. BP$ ,

but the consequents  $f. CP \cdot f. BP \cdot f. AP$ ;  $f. AP \cdot f. CP \cdot f. BP$

being equal, the antecedents

$f. CAP \cdot f. BCP \cdot f. ABP$ ;  $f. ACP \cdot f. CBP \cdot f. BAP$   
 must be equal. *Q. E. D.*

*Cor. 1.* If two angles  $A, B$ , be bisected by the arches  $AP, PB$ , the third angle  $C$ , will also be bisected by the arch  $CP$ .

*Cor. 2.* Hence also, three perpendicular arches erected upon the middle of each side of a spherical triangle, all meet in one point.

**PROP. XII. THEOREM.** *Fig. 71, Plate 4.*

If four arches be drawn from the four angular points of any spherical trapezium  $ABCD$ , to any point  $P$  within it; I say the product of the sines of the alternate angles will be equal.

*Demon.* From the triangles  $APC, DPC, DPB, APB$ , it will be by Trig.  $f. CAP \div f. ACP :: f. CP \div f. AP$ ,  
and

and  $f. DCP \div f. CDP :: f. PD \div f. CP$ ,  
 and  $f. PDB \div f. DBP :: f. PB \div f. PD$ ,  
 and  $f. ABP \div f. BAP :: f. AP \div f. PB$ ,  
 hence by comp. as  $f. CAP \cdot f. DCP \cdot f. PDB \cdot f. ABP$   
 is to  $f. ACP \cdot f. CDP \cdot f. DBP \cdot f. BAP$   
 so is  $f. CP \cdot f. PD \cdot f. PB \cdot f. AP$   
 to  $f. AP \cdot f. CP \cdot f. PD \cdot f. PB$ ;  
 where the two last terms being equal, the two first  
 terms must also be equal, that is,  
 $f. CAP \cdot f. DCP \cdot f. PDB \cdot f. ABP = f. ACP \cdot f. CDP \cdot f. DBP \cdot f. BAP$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*Cor.* In like manner it may be proved, that if arches  
 be drawn from the angular points of any spherical  
 polygon whatever, to any point within it, the pro-  
 duct of the sines of the alternate angles will be equal.

**PROP. XIII. THEOREM.** *Fig. 72, Plate 4.*

If from the angles, at the base of any spherical tri-  
 angle ABC, two arches APE, BPF, be drawn inter-  
 secting each other in the point P, and meeting the  
 opposite sides in E and F; I say,

$$f. AP \cdot f. BP \div f. AC \cdot f. CB :: f. EP \cdot f. FP \div f. EC \cdot f. CF.$$

*Demon.* Through the points CP, let the arch CI, be  
 drawn to meet the base AB in I; also, draw the arches  
 ED, FQ, making the angles at Q and D equal to the  
 angles at I;

$$\text{then by trig. } f. ACI \div f. AI :: f. CIA \div f. AC,$$

$$\text{and } f. ACI \div f. FQ :: f. CQF \div f. CF;$$

$$\text{by equality } f. AI \div f. FQ :: f. AC \div f. CF;$$

$$\text{in like manner } f. IB \div f. DE :: f. CB \div f. CE;$$

$$\text{therefore } f. AI \cdot f. IB \div f. FQ \cdot f. DE :: f. AC \cdot f. CB \div f. CF \cdot f. CE.$$

Again by reason of the  $\angle$ 's in the triangles AIP,  
 PED; IPB, PFQ,

$$\text{we have } f. AI \div f. DE :: f. AP \div f. PE,$$

$$\text{and } f. IB \div f. QF :: f. BP \div f. PF,$$

$$\text{therefore } f. AI \cdot f. IB \div f. DE \cdot f. QF :: f. AP \cdot f. BP \div f. PE \cdot f. PF,$$

$$\text{and by equal. } f. AP \cdot f. BP \div f. AC \cdot f. CB :: f. PE \cdot f. PF \div f. CF \cdot f. CE.$$

*Q. E. D.*

*PROP.*

*PROP. XIV. THEOREM. Fig. 73, Plate 4.*

Let ABC be any spherical triangle and BOD an arch bisecting the vertical angle; now if from E, the middle of the base AC, a perpendicular arch ED be drawn, intersecting the arch BOD in D, and from D let the arch DP be drawn perpendicular to the side AB;

I say the arch BP is equal to half the sum,  
and the arch PA to half the difference  
of the sides AB, BC.

*Demon.* From D demit the perpendicular arch DQ to meet the side BC produced in Q; join AD; DC, then the right angled triangles AED, CED, having  $AE = EC$  and ED common, have also  $AD = DC$ ; also, the right angled triangles BPD, BQD, having  $\angle PBD = \angle QBD$  and  $\angle P = \angle Q$ , and BD being common, will have  $DP = DQ$ ; and again, the right angled triangles APD, CQD; having  $DP = DQ$  and  $AD = DC$ , have likewise  $PA = CQ$ ; therefore  $AB + BC = AP + 2PB - CQ (AP) = 2PB$ ; and  $AC - CB = 2AP$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*Cor. 1.* The sum of the angles BAD, BCD  $= 180^\circ$ .  
For  $BCD + DCQ = 180^\circ$ ,  
but  $BAD = DCQ$ ,  
therefore  $BCD + BAD = 180^\circ$ .

*Cor. 2.* If the arch CI be drawn perpendicular to the side BC; then will  $ICP =$  half the difference of the angles ACB, CAB at the base,  
for  $BCA - BAC = (BCA + ACD) - BAC + CAD$  or  $(ACD)$ ,  
 $= BCD - BAD$  or  $DCQ$ ,  
 $= (90^\circ + ICD) - (90^\circ - ICD)$ ,  
 $= 2 ICD$ .

*PROP.*

**PROP. XV. PROBLEM.**

Given the base, the difference of the sides, and the difference of the angles at the base of a spherical triangle to construct it.

*Conf.* Let CQ (Fig. 73, Plate 4.) be half the difference of the sides, and perpendicular thereto draw the arch QD, and from C draw the arch CD making the angle QCD = the compliment of half the difference of the angles at the base; about C as a pole with a distance equal to half the given base, describe the lesser circle LEK, and through D draw the great circle DE, to touch the lesser one at E; produce CE till EA = CE, and join DA, then if the great circle APB be described to make the angle DAB = DCQ and meet QC produced in B; ABC will be the triangle required, as is evident from the last prop. and its corollaries.

**PROP. XVI. THEOREM. Fig. 45, Plate 2.**

If two sides of a spherical triangle be given, the area will be a maximum when the triangle is inscribed in a semicircle, the unknown side being the diameter.

*Demon.* Let ABG be a spherical triangle described in a semicircle, and draw the arch BD to the pole D; then since AD, DB, DG are all equal, the  $\angle A = \angle ABD$  and  $\angle G = \angle DBG$ ;

therefore  $\angle A + \angle G = \angle B$ , and the triangle a maximum by qu. 709, Gent. Diary. *Q. E. D.*

*Cor. 1.* Hence it appears by reasoning, as in Theo. 11. *Simpson* on the Max. and Min. that the greatest spherical polygon that can be contained under any proposed number of given arches, and one other arch any how taken, will be when it may be inscribed in a semicircle, the unknown arch being the diameter.

*Cor. 2.* If any spherical quadrilateral ABQS be inscribed in a circle, the sum of the opposite angles  
ABG,

ABG, ASG will be equal to the sum of the opposite angles BAS, BGS.

*Cor. 3.* When  $AB = BG$  (Fig. 46, Plate 3.) the figure ABGS is a spherical square having all its sides and angles equal.

And by Trig.  $f. AG : f. BC :: f. ABG : f. BAG$   
 $:: 2f. GAB \cdot \text{cof. } GAB \div \text{rad.} : f. GAB$   
 $:: 2 \text{ cof. } GAB : \text{radius.}$

Hence if radius be supposed  $= 1$ , the sine of the side of any spherical square will be equal to the sine of the diameter of the circumscribing circle divided by double the cosine of half the angle of the square.

*PROP. XVII. THEOREM. Fig. 61, Plate 3.*

The difference between any two sides of a spherical triangle is less than the third side.

Let ACB be a spherical triangle, the difference of any two sides AC, CB is less than the third side AB.

*Demon.* Lay off  $CD = CB$ , join DB and produce CB to E;

then  $\angle CDB = \angle CBD$  or  $\angle ADB = \angle DBE$ ,  
 but  $\angle ABD$  is less than  $\angle DBE$  or  $\angle ADB$ ,  
 therefore AD ( $= AC - CB$ ) is less than AB.

*Q. E. D.*

*PROP. XVIII. PROBLEM.*

Given the base of a spherical triangle to construct it, when its vertex falls in the arch of a great circle given by position, and the difference of its sides is a maximum.

*Conf.* Let AB (Fig. 65, Plate 4.) be the given base and QCI the given great circle; from B draw the circle PBD at right angles to QCI and make  $PD = PB$ ; through the points A, D, describe a great circle meeting QCI in C, and join CB; so will ACB be the triangle required.

*Demon.* Since AB is the given base and the vertex C falls in the arch of the given great circle QCI; there  
 remains

remains only to prove that  $AC - CB$  is a maximum, in order to which, take any other point  $I$ , and join  $AI$ ,  $DI$  and  $IB$ , with great circles ;

then because  $DP = BP$ ,

we have  $DC = BC$  and  $DI = BI$ ,

therefore  $AC - CB = AC - CD = AD$ ,

and  $AI - IB = AI - ID$ ;

but by the last prop.  $AI - ID$  is less than  $AD$ ,

therefore  $AC - CB$  is a maximum.

*Q. E. D.*

**PROP. XIX. THEOREM.** *Fig. 63, 64, Plate 3, 4.*

If  $CE$ ,  $CF$  and  $CD$ , be three great circles of the sphere intersecting in  $C$ , and  $AB$ ,  $AI$ , two other great circles drawn from any point  $A$  in  $CD$ , intersecting  $CE$  and  $CF$  in  $B$  and  $I$ , such that the arch  $AB =$  arch  $AI$ ; then if from any other point in  $CD$  as  $P$ , two more great circles  $PS$ ,  $PQ$  be drawn to make  $\angle CQP = \angle CBA$  and  $\angle CSP = \angle CIA$ ; I say the arch  $PQ$  will be equal to the arch  $PS$ .

*Demon.* By trig.  $f. AB : f. BCA :: f. AC : f. CBA$ ,  
and  $f. QP : f. QCP :: f. CP : f. CQP$ ,  
but  $QCP = BCA$  and  $CQP = CBA$ ,

hence by equality  $f. AB : f. QP :: f. AC : f. CP$ ;

in like manner  $f. IA : f. SP :: f. AC : f. CP$ ,  
therefore by equality  $f. AB : f. QP :: f. IA : f. SP$ ;

but the antecedents  $f. AB$ ,  $f. IA$  are equal,  
therefore the consequents  $f. QP$ ,  $f. SP$  must be equal.

*Q. E. D.*

**PROP. XX. THEOREM.** *Fig. 66, Plate 4.*

Let  $P$  be a given point, and  $AB$ ,  $AC$  two great circles given in position; it is required to draw another great circle  $PQ$  to intersect  $AC$  in  $Q$ , so that if the arch  $QL$  be drawn to make a given angle with  $AB$ , the sum of the arches  $PQ$ ,  $QL$  may be the least possible.

*Conf.*

*Conf.* From any point as  $b$  in  $AC$ , draw the great circle  $BD$  to make  $\angle BDA =$  the given one; and with the center  $b$  and distance  $bD$  describe the lesser circle  $DF$ , and from  $A$  draw the great circle  $ARF$  to touch it at  $F$ ; from the given point  $P$  draw the great circle  $PQR$  perpendicular to  $AF$ , intersecting  $AC$  in  $Q$ ; then if  $QL$  be drawn making the given angle with  $AB$ ; I say the arches  $PQ, QL$  will be those required.

*Demon.* Draw any other great circle  $PHS$ , and demit the perpendicular arch  $HE$ ; also, draw the arch  $HI$  making the  $\angle AIH = \angle ALQ$ , and through the points  $PE$ , describe a great circle;

now by *conf.*  $\text{arch } bD = \text{arch } bF$ ,  
 also by last prop.  $\text{arch } HE = \text{arch } HI$ ,  
 and  $\text{arch } QR = \text{arch } QL$ ,  
 therefore  $\text{arch } PH + \text{arch } HI = \text{arch } PH + \text{arch } HE$ ,  
 and  $\text{arch } PQ + \text{arch } QL = \text{arch } PR$ ;  
 but  $\text{arch } PR$  is less than the arch  $PE$ ,  
 and arch  $PE$  is less than  $\text{arch } PH + \text{arch } HE$ ,  
 therefore the arch  $PR$  or the sum of the arches  $PQ, QL$   
 is less than the sum of the arches  $PH, HE$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*Observation 1.* When the arch  $PR$  is greater than a quadrant, the sum of the arches  $PQ, QL$  is a maximum instead of a minimum, for then the arch  $PR$  is greater than the arch  $PS$ .

2. When the given point is situated between the given great circles, the *construction* is nearly the same as above.

3. When the given point is on the other side of the arch  $AC$ , as in (Fig. 44, Plate 2.) then the difference of the arches  $PQ, QL$  is a minimum. For then the arch  $PE$ , the difference of the arches  $PH, HI$  is greater than the arch  $PR$  the difference of the arches  $PQ, QL$ , unless the arch  $PR$  be greater than a quadrant, and then the sum of the arches  $PQ, QL$  is a maximum.

*PROP.*

**PROP. XXI. PROBLEM.**

To describe the circumference of a lesser circle through a given point to touch two great circles given by position.

*Conf.* Let P (Fig. 67, Plate 4.) be the given point, and BAQ, BOQ the given great circles; through P describe the great circle BPQ, and bisect the angle OBA with the great circle BCQ, from any point in which draw the arch DI at right angles to the great circle BOQ; to the great circle BPQ apply the arch DE = arch DI; from P draw the arch PC making the  $\angle BPC = \angle BED$ ; with the centre C and distance CP describe a circle, and the thing will be done.

*Demon.* Let the arches CO, CA be drawn perpendicular to the great circles BOQ, BAQ respectively;

then by *conf.* arch DE = arch DI,  
and by prop. xix. arch CO = arch CP,  
therefore the circles touch at O.

Again, the right angled triangles BOC, BAC having the arch BC common to both, and the angles at B equal in each, are equal and similar in every respect;

wherefore arch CA = arch CO = arch CP,  
consequently the circles touch at A.

*Q. E. D.*

*Observation.* There are two circles that will answer the conditions of the problem: for two arches DE, De, may be applied from the point D = to the arch DI.

**PROP. XXII. THEOREM. Fig. 68, Plate 4.**

If a lesser circle ABC, touch either a greater or a lesser circle ADQ as at A, and another circle  
K BCDQ



BCDQ be described to intersect the former circles as at B, C; D, Q. Then I say if the chords QD, BC be produced they will meet the tangent drawn from the point of contact A, in the same point P.

*Demon.* The points B, C, D, Q being in the same plane, the chords BC, DQ produced will meet in some point P; again, the points A, B, C being in the same plane, the chord BC and the tangent AP will also meet in some point.

By the nature of the circles QDBC, ABC,  
we have rect. DP<sup>\*</sup> PQ = rect. CP<sup>\*</sup> PB,  
and rect. CP<sup>\*</sup> PB = PA<sup>2</sup>,

therefore by equality rect. DP<sup>\*</sup> PQ = PA<sup>2</sup>;  
hence AP is a common tangent to both the circles,  
and consequently the chords DQ, BC produced  
meet the tangent AP in the same point P.

*Q. E. D.*

### PROP. XXIII. PROBLEM.

To describe the circumference of a lesser circle through a given point, to touch a given great circle and have its centre in the arch of a great circle given by position.

*Conf.* Let P (Fig. 67, Plate 4.) be the given point, BOQ the given great circle, and BCQ the great circle given by position, in which the centre of the required circle must be situated; from B draw the great circle BAQ making the  $\angle QBA = \angle QBO$ ; Then by prop. xxi. describe a circle APO to pass through the point P and touch the great circles BOQ, BAQ, and the thing will be done.

This requires no particular *demonstration*.

*Otherwise,*

*Conf.* Let C (Fig. 68, Plate 4.) be the given point, RS the great circle given by position, and ADQ the other great circle; through the point C describe  
a lesser

a lesser circle having its centre in the arch of the great circle RS, and intersecting the given great circle ADQ in D and Q; make the arch  $IB = \text{arch } IC$ , and draw the chords BC, QD to intersect in P; from P draw the tangent PA to touch the circle ADQ in A; then through the points A, B, C describe a circle, and the business will be finished.

The reason of the above *Conf.* will appear evident from the last prop.

### PROP. XXIV. PROBLEM.

From a given point to draw a great circle, to intersect two given parallel circles, so as to have a given arch intercepted by their peripheries.

*Conf.* Let P (Fig. 69, Plate 4.) be the given point; BCQ, AFS the given circles; apply the arch  $BS = \text{the given arch}$ , and on it continued, demit the perpendicular arch OR from the centre O; then with the common centre O and distance OR describe the lesser circle RI and from P draw the great circle PAIFQ to touch at I; and the thing is done.

*Demon.* By parallel circles, arch  $BR = \text{arch } IQ$ ,  
and arch  $SR = \text{arch } IF$ ,  
therefore arch  $FQ = \text{arch } BS = \text{given arch}$ .

Q. E. D.

*Observation* 1. The intercepted part is a maximum when the arch  $OR = \text{arch } OS$ ; and a minimum when the required circle passes through the centre O.

2. If the great PAFQ had been required to make a given angle with a given great circle, instead of passing through a given point; then if the circle RI be described as before, the problem will be to describe the circle PAFQ to touch it at I and make a given angle with a given great circle, which is elegantly done by Mr. Wales at qu. 39, Miscell. Scien. Curiosa.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Of the ELLIPSIS and HYPERBOLA, from Mr. LANDEN's MEMOIRS.*

SOME of the theorems given by mathematicians for the calculation of fluents by means of elliptic and hyperbolic arcs, requiring in the application thereof, the difference to be taken between an arc of a hyperbola and its tangent; and such difference being not directly attainable when such arc and its tangent both become infinite, as they will do when the *whole* fluent is wanted, although such fluent be at the same time finite; those theorems therefore in that case fail, a computation thereby being then impracticable without some farther help.

The supplying that defect I considered as a point of some importance in geometry, and therefore I earnestly wished and endeavoured to accomplish that business; my aim being to ascertain, by means of such arcs as above mentioned, the *limit* of the difference between the hyperbolic arc and its tangent, whilst the point of contact is supposed to be carried to an infinite distance from the vertex of the curve, seeing that, by the help of that *limit*, the computation would be rendered practicable in the case wherein, without such help, the before mentioned theorems fail. The result of my endeavours respecting that point appears in this memoir, which, amongst other matters, contains the investigation of a general theorem for finding the length of any arc of any conic hyperbola by means of two elliptic arcs. A discovery (first published by me in the *Philosophical Transactions* for 1775,) whereby we are enabled to bring out very elegant conclusions in many interesting enquiries, as well mechanical as purely geometrical.

1. Suppose the curve ADEF (Fig. 34, Plate 2.) be a conic *hyperbola*, whose semi-transverse axis AC  
is

is  $=m$ , and semi-conjugate  $=n$ . Let CP, perpendicular to the tangent DP be called  $p$ ; and put  $f = (m^2 - n^2) \div 2m$ ,  $z = p^2 \div m$ . Then will DP—AD

be  $=$  the fluent of  $-\frac{1}{2}m^{\frac{1}{2}}z^{\frac{1}{2}}\dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$ ,  $p$  and  $z$  being each  $=m$  when AD is  $=o$ . For, denoting the semidiameter CD by  $r$ , and its semiconjugate diameter by  $s$ , we have (by the nature of the curve)  $r^2 - s^2 = m^2 - n^2 = 2fm$ , and  $ps = mn$ . Whence  $s^2 = r^2 - 2fm = m^2n^2 \div p^2 = mn^2 \div z$ ; and consequently  $r^2 = (2fmz + mn^2) \div z$ , and DP  $= \sqrt{r^2 - p^2} = \sqrt{mn^2 + 2fmz - mz^2} \div \sqrt{z}$ .

Hence the fluxion of DP is found  $= -(m^{\frac{1}{2}}n^2\dot{z} + m^{\frac{1}{2}}z^{\frac{3}{2}}\dot{z}) \div 2z^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$ . Now it is obvious that the fluxion of the curve AD is to  $\dot{r}$  as  $r$  to  $\sqrt{r^2 - p^2}$ : therefore the fluxion of AD is  $= r\dot{r} \div \sqrt{r^2 - p^2}$ , which by substitution appears to be  $= -m^{\frac{1}{2}}n^2\dot{z} \div 2z^{\frac{3}{2}}\sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$ . Consequently the difference of the fluxions of DP and AD is  $= -\frac{1}{2}m^{\frac{1}{2}}z^{\frac{1}{2}}\dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$ .

2. Suppose the curve adefg (Fig. 35, Plate 2.) to be a quadrant of an *ellipse*, whose semi-transverse axis cg is  $= \sqrt{m^2 + n^2}$ , and semi-conjugate ac  $= n$ . Let ct be perpendicular to the tangent dt, and let the abscissa cp be  $= n\sqrt{z \div m}$ . Then will the said tangent dt be  $= m\sqrt{(mz - z^2) \div (n^2 + mz)}$ ; and the fluxion thereof will be found  $= \frac{1}{2}mn^2z^{-\frac{1}{2}}\dot{z} \sqrt{m - z} \div (n^2 + mz)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{2}m^{\frac{1}{2}}z^{\frac{1}{2}}\dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$ .

3. In the expression  $y^{q-1}\dot{y} \div ((a+by)^r \cdot (c+dy)^s)$ , let  $(c+dy) \div (a+by)$  be supposed  $= z$ . Then will

$(az - c) \div (d - bz)$  be  $\equiv y$ , and the proposed expression will be  $\equiv (ad - bc)^{1-r-s} z^{-s} \dot{z} \div ((az - c)^{1-q} \cdot (d - bz)^{1+q-r-s})$ .

4. Taking, in the last article,  $r$  and  $s$  each  $\equiv \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $q \equiv \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $a \equiv -d \equiv n^2 \div m$ ,  $b \equiv 1$ , and  $c \equiv n^2$ , we have  $y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \div (\sqrt{(n^2 \div m) + y} \times \sqrt{n^2 - n^2 y \div m})$   
 $(\equiv m^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{-1} y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fy - y^2}) \equiv -mnz^{-\frac{1}{2}}$   
 $\div \sqrt{m - z} \div (n^2 + mz)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ . It appears therefore, that,  $y$  being  $\equiv n^2 \cdot (m - z) \div (n^2 + mz)$ ,  $-\frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fy - y^2} - \frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$  is  $\equiv \frac{1}{2} mn^2 z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{m - z} \div (n^2 + mz)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$ ; which, by article 2, is  $\equiv$  the *fluxion of the tangent*  $dt$ .

Consequently, taking the fluents by article 1, and correcting them properly, we find

$$DP - AD + FR - AF \equiv L + dt.$$

CP (Fig. 34, Pl. 2.) being  $\equiv m^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ; cp (Fig. 35, Pl. 2.)  $\equiv n \sqrt{z \div m}$ ;

CR, perpendicular to the tangent FR  $\equiv m^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;

DP - AD = the *fluent* of  $-\frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$ ;

FR - AF = the *fluent* of  $-\frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fy - y^2}$ ;  
 and  $L$  the *limit* to which the difference  $DP - AD$ , or  $FR - AF$ , approaches upon carrying the point  $D$ , or  $E$ , from the vertex  $A$  *ad infinitum*.

5. Suppose  $y$  equal to  $z$ , and that the points  $D$  and  $F$  will then coincide in  $E$ , the points  $d$  and  $p$  being at the same time in  $e$  and  $q$  respectively. Then  $cv$  being perpendicular to the tangent  $ev$ , that tangent

gent will be a *maximum* and equal to  $cg - ac = \sqrt{m^2 + n^2} - n$ ; the tangent EQ (in the hyperbola) will be  $= \sqrt{m^2 + n^2}$ ; the abscissa BC  $= m \sqrt{1 + (n \div \sqrt{m^2 + n^2})^2}$ ; the ordinate BE  $= n \sqrt{n \div \sqrt{m^2 + n^2}}$ ; and it appears, that L is  $= 2EQ - 2AE - cv = n + \sqrt{m^2 + n^2} - 2AE$ . Thus the *limit* which I proposed to ascertain is investigated,  $m$  and  $n$  being any right lines whatever. Another expression for such *limit* will be found in a subsequent article in this memoir.

## ARTICLE XIII.

*Of finding the sums of certain series by Mr. Stirling's differential method, by Mr. J. Mabbot, Manchester.*

LET the series proposed to be summed be

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot 6} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 8} + \frac{1}{6 \cdot 10} + \&c.$$

Here  $T = \frac{1}{2z \cdot 2z+4} = \frac{1}{4z \cdot z+1} - \frac{1}{4z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2}$ ,  
the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c.

and  $S = \frac{1}{4z} - \frac{1}{8z \cdot z+1} = \frac{2z^2+z}{8z^3+8z^2} = \frac{2z+1}{8z^2+8z} = \frac{3}{16}$ ,  
the sum required, when  $z$  is taken  $= 1$ .

2. Let the same series be proposed to be summed when the signs change alternately, *i. e.*

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot 6} - \frac{1}{4 \cdot 8} + \frac{1}{6 \cdot 10} - \&c. \text{ Here}$$

$$T = (-1)^{z-1} \times \frac{1}{2z \cdot 2z+4} = (-1)^{z-1} \times \left( \frac{1}{4z \cdot z+1} - \frac{1}{4z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2} \right)$$

$x$  being  $= -1$ , and

$$S =$$

$$S = -1^{z-1} \times \frac{1}{8z \cdot z + 1} = \frac{1}{16} \text{ when } z \text{ is taken } = 1;$$

B being  $= \frac{1}{8}$ , A, C, D &c. each  $= 0$ .

3. Required the sum of the infinite series ?

$$\frac{1}{4 \cdot 8} - \frac{1}{6 \cdot 10} + \frac{1}{8 \cdot 12} - \&c.$$

$$\text{Here } T = -1^{z-2} \times \frac{1}{4z \cdot z + 2} = -1^{z-2} \times \left( \frac{1}{4z \cdot z + 1} - \frac{1}{4z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} \right)$$

$x \text{ being } = -1 \text{ and}$

$$S = -1^{z-2} \times \frac{1}{8z \cdot z + 1} = \frac{1}{48}, \text{ when } z \text{ is taken } = 2;$$

B being  $= \frac{1}{8}$ , A, C, D &c. each  $= 0$ .

4. Required the sum of the infinite series ?

$$\frac{1}{5 \cdot 12} + \frac{1}{10 \cdot 15} + \frac{1}{15 \cdot 18} + \&c. \text{ Here } T =$$

$$\frac{1}{15z \cdot z + 3} = \frac{1}{15z \cdot z + 1} - \frac{2}{15z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} + \frac{2}{15z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3}$$

the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, 4 &c. and  $S =$

$$\frac{1}{15z} - \frac{1}{15z \cdot z + 1} + \frac{2}{45z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} = \frac{3z^2 + 6z + 2}{45z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} = \frac{11}{270}$$

when  $z$  is taken  $= 1$ .

5. Required the sum of the series ?

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} + \&c.$$

$$\text{Here } T = \frac{1}{z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 3} = \frac{1}{z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} - \frac{1}{z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3}$$

$$\text{and } S = \frac{1}{2z \cdot z + 1} - \frac{1}{3z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} = \frac{3z + 4}{6z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} = \frac{7}{36}$$

when  $z$  is taken  $= 1$ .

6. Let the series to be summed be

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \&c.$$

$$\text{Here } T = \frac{1}{z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2}$$

and

and  $S = \frac{1}{2z \cdot z + 1} = \frac{1}{4}$ , when  $z$  is taken  $= 1$ .

7. Required the sum of the series ?

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot 6 \cdot 10} - \frac{1}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot 12} + \frac{1}{6 \cdot 10 \cdot 14} - \&c.$$

Here  $T = -1 \bigg|^{z-1} \times \frac{1}{8z \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 4} = -1 \bigg|^{z-1} \times$   
 $\left( \frac{1}{8z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} - \frac{3}{8z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3} + \frac{3}{8z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3 \cdot z + 4} \right)$   
 the values of  $z$  being  $1, 2, 3, 4$  &c. and  $S =$   
 $-1 \bigg|^{z-1} \times \left( \frac{1}{16z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} - \frac{3}{32z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3} \right)$   
 $= -1 \bigg|^{z-1} \times \frac{2z+3}{32z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3} = \frac{2+3}{32 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} = \frac{5}{768}$   
 when  $z$  is taken  $= 1$ .

$C$  being  $= \frac{1}{16}$ ,  $D = -\frac{3}{32}$ ,  $A, B, E$  &c. each  $= 0$ .

8. Let the series proposed be

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 9 \cdot 10} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 12 \cdot 12} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 15 \cdot 14} - \&c.$$

Here  $T = -1 \bigg|^{z-1} \times \frac{1}{z \cdot 3z + 6 \cdot 2z + 8} = -1 \bigg|^{z-1} \times$   
 $\left( \frac{1}{6z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} - \frac{3}{6z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3} + \frac{3}{6z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3 \cdot z + 4} \right)$   
 $z$  being  $= 1$ , and  $S = -1 \bigg|^{z-1} \times \left( \frac{1}{12z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} \right.$   
 $\left. - \frac{1}{8z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3} \right) = -1 \bigg|^{z-1} \times \frac{2z+3}{24z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3} = \frac{5}{24}$   
 when  $z$  is taken  $= 1$ ,  $C$  being  $= \frac{1}{12}$ ,  $D = -\frac{1}{8}$ ,

$A, B, E$  &c. each equal  $0$ .

9. Let



9. Let the series to be summed be

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot 6 \cdot 8} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 8 \cdot 10} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 10 \cdot 12} + \&c. \text{ Here}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{z+1 \cdot 2z+4 \cdot 2z+6} = \frac{1}{4z^2+1 \cdot z+2} - \frac{3}{4z^2+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3}$$

the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3 &c. and

$$S = \frac{1}{8z^2z+1} - \frac{1}{4z^2z+1 \cdot z+2} = \frac{z}{8z^2z+1 \cdot z+2} = \frac{1}{48}$$

when  $z$  equal 1.

10. Let the series proposed be

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} + \&c. \text{ Here}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3}; \text{ the values of } z \text{ being } 1, 2, 3 \&c.$$

$$\text{and } S = \frac{1}{3z^2z+1 \cdot z+2} = \frac{1}{18} \text{ when } z \text{ is taken } = 1.$$

11. Required the sum of the infinite series ?

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8} + \&c.$$

$$\text{Here } T = \frac{1}{z+1 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4 \cdot z+5} = \frac{1}{z^2z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3}$$

$$- \frac{7}{z^2z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4} + \frac{15}{z^2z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4 \cdot z+5}$$

the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3 &c. and  $S =$

$$\frac{1}{3z^2z+1 \cdot z+2} - \frac{7}{4z^2z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3} + \frac{3}{z^2z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4}$$

$$= \frac{4z^2+7z}{12z^2z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4} = \frac{4z+7}{8z^2z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4}$$

$$= \frac{11}{1440}, \text{ when } z \text{ is taken } = 1.$$

12. Let the series proposed be

$$\frac{5}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} + \frac{6}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{7}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \&c.$$

Here

Here  $T = \frac{z+4}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2} = \frac{1}{z \cdot z+1} + \frac{3}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2}$   
 the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3 &c.

and  $S = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z \cdot z+1} = \frac{z+2}{z \cdot z+1} = \frac{3}{2}$  when  $z$  is  $= 1$ .

13. Let the series proposed be

$$\frac{1}{3 \cdot 6 \cdot 28} + \frac{4}{6 \cdot 8 \cdot 35} + \frac{7}{9 \cdot 10 \cdot 42} + \&c.$$

Here  $T = \frac{3z-2}{3z \cdot 2z+4 \cdot 7z+21}$   
 $= \frac{1}{14z \cdot z+1} - \frac{1}{3z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2} + \frac{11}{21z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3}$

and  $S = \frac{1}{14z} - \frac{1}{6z \cdot z+1} + \frac{11}{63z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2}$   
 $= \frac{9z^3+6z^2-2}{126z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2} = \frac{13}{756}$ , when  $z$  is  $= 1$ .

14. Let the series to be summed be

$$\frac{2 \cdot 5}{1 \cdot 6 \cdot 15 \cdot 21} - \frac{3 \cdot 8}{2 \cdot 8 \cdot 18 \cdot 24} + \frac{4 \cdot 11}{3 \cdot 10 \cdot 21 \cdot 27} - \&c.$$

Here  $T = -1 \Big|^{z-1} \times \frac{z+1 \cdot 3z+2}{z \cdot 2z+4 \cdot 3z+12 \cdot 3z+18}$   
 $= -1 \Big|^{z-1} \times \left( \frac{1}{6z \cdot z+1} - \frac{14}{9z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2} + \frac{155}{18z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3} \right.$   
 $- \frac{185}{6z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4} + \frac{200}{3z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4 \cdot z+5}$   
 $\left. - \frac{200}{3z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4 \cdot z+5 \cdot z+6} \right)$ ,

$x$  being  $= 1$  and the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3 &c.

and  $S = -1 \Big|^{z-1} \times \left( \frac{1}{12z \cdot z+1} - \frac{75}{108z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2} \right.$   
 $+ \frac{235}{72z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3} - \frac{160}{18z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4}$

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$$\frac{1}{9 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{20} \quad \text{when } z = 1$$

$$\therefore 100x = 1, 2 = \frac{1}{2}C = -\frac{75}{20}D = \frac{15}{4}E = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$F = \frac{195}{9}, G, H \text{ and all the rest} = 0$$

15. Required the value of series?

$$\frac{3^3}{5 \cdot 6 \cdot 12 \cdot 15} + \frac{5^3}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 15 \cdot 18} + \frac{7^3}{9 \cdot 10 \cdot 18 \cdot 21} + \&c.$$

$$\text{Here } T = \frac{12 + 1 \cdot 5 + 3}{3^2 \cdot 2^2 + 4 \cdot 3^2 + 9 \cdot 3^2 + 12} = \frac{10}{54 \cdot 2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{69}{54 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2 + 3} + \frac{237}{54 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3}$$

$$= \frac{357}{54 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 2 + 4} \text{ and } S = \frac{10}{54}$$

$$\frac{69}{106 \cdot 2^2 + 1} + \frac{237}{162 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2 + 2} + \frac{357}{216 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3} =$$

$$\frac{40z^3 + 102z^2 + 66z + 3}{216z^2 + 1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3} = \frac{211}{5184} \text{ when } z = 1.$$

16. The series to be summed being

$$\frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} - \frac{1}{4 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 8} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdot 9} - \&c.$$

$$\text{We shall have } T = \frac{1}{z+2} \times \frac{1}{z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4 \cdot z+5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z+2} \times \left( \frac{1}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3} - \frac{10}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{40}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4 \cdot z+5} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{60}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4 \cdot z+5 \cdot z+6} \right)$$

$z$  being

$$A = -1; \text{ and } S = \frac{1}{-1} \times \left( \frac{1}{2x^2+1x+2x+3} + \frac{4}{x^2+1x+2x+3x+4} + \frac{10}{x^2+1x+2x+3x+4x+5} \right) =$$

$$\frac{1}{-1} \times \frac{x^2+x}{2x^2+1x+2x+3x+4x+5} = \frac{1}{-1} \times \frac{x^2+x}{7x^2+6x+5} \text{ when } x=1.$$

$A = -1, E = -4, F = 10, \text{ and } A, B, C, G \&c. \text{ each} = 0.$

\* Required the sum of the series ?

$$\frac{15 \cdot 18}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} + \frac{18 \cdot 21}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \frac{21 \cdot 24}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} + \&c.$$

$$\text{Hence } T = \frac{9x^2+4x+5}{x^2+1x+2x+3} = \frac{9}{x^2+1} + \frac{36}{x^2+1x+2}$$

$$+ \frac{18}{x^2+1x+2x+3}; \text{ the values of } x \text{ being } 1, 2, 3 \&c.$$

$$\text{and } S = \frac{9}{x} + \frac{18}{x^2+1} + \frac{6}{x^2+1x+2} =$$

$$\frac{9x^2+45x+60}{x^2+1x+2} = 19 \text{ when } x \text{ is taken equal } 1.$$

#### ARTICLE XIV.

*Tables of Theorems, for the calculation of Fluents, from Mr. Landen's Memoirs, communicated by Mr. William Burdon.*

#### TABLE III.

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#### THEOREM XXI.

The whole fluent of  $\frac{y}{(a^2-y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is  $= \frac{2L}{\sqrt{a}}.$

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## THEOREM XXII.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(a^2 - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= K + \sqrt{2} \times (2E'' - 2e'e'' - ac) - (ay - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \left( \frac{a-y}{a+y} \right) \\ &= K + \sqrt{2} \times (DP - AD) - (ay - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times \left( \frac{a-y}{a+y} \right) \\ x &= a \times \left( \frac{a-y}{a+y} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

## THEOREM XXIII.

The fluent of  $\frac{y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(a^2 - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from

$$a \text{ becomes equal to } \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \text{ is } = \frac{L}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

## THEOREM XXIV.

The whole fluent of  $\frac{y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(a^2 - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is  $= L\sqrt{2}$ .

## THEOREM XXV.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{\dot{y}}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= K + \frac{2^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{a}} \times (ac + 2e'e'' - 2E'' + \frac{1}{2}DP) \\ &= K + \frac{2^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{a}} \times (AD - \frac{1}{2}DP). \\ x &= y - \sqrt{y^2 - a^2}. \end{aligned}$$

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## THEOREM XXVI.

The fluent of  $\frac{y}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from  $a$  becomes equal to  $a\sqrt{2}$ , is  $= \sqrt{2} \times (\sqrt{a} - \frac{L}{\sqrt{a}})$ .

*Note.* The whole fluent is infinite.

## THEOREM XXVII.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} F &= K + de - 2c'e'' + \frac{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{y}} \\ &= K + DP - AD - L + \frac{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{y}} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{* A 3d pro-} \\ \text{portional to} \\ \text{DP, CP.} \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{a\sqrt{y^2 - a^2}}{y}$$

## THEOREM XXVIII.

The fluent of  $\frac{y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from  $a$  becomes equal to  $a\sqrt{\frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1}{2}}$ , is  $= \frac{1}{2} \times (a - L)$ .

*Note.* The whole fluent is infinite.

## THEOREM XXIX.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{\dot{y}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$F = K + \frac{2}{\sqrt{a}} \times (ac + 2c'e'' - 2E'' + DP)$$

$$L \ 2$$

$$= K$$

$$= K + \frac{2}{\sqrt{a}} \times AD,$$

$$x = \frac{a^2}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

## THEOREM XXX.

The fluent of  $\frac{\dot{y}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  
becomes to  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} \times a$ , is  $= \sqrt{a} \times (\sqrt{2} +$

*Note.* the whole fluent is infinite.

## THEOREM XXXI.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{y^{\frac{3}{2}} \dot{y}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= K + de - 2e'e'' + \frac{y^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}} \left. \begin{array}{l} * A \\ \text{porti} \end{array} \right\} \\ &= K + DP - AD - L + \frac{y^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}} \left. \begin{array}{l} * \\ DP \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{ay}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

## THEOREM XXXII.

The fluent of  $\frac{y^{\frac{3}{2}} \dot{y}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{5}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  
becomes equal to  $a \times \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , is  $= \frac{1}{2} \times$

*Note.* the whole fluent is infinite,

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**THEOREM XXXIII.**

$$\dot{F} = \frac{\dot{y}}{(a^2 - y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{4}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times (ae + e'e'' - E'')$$

$$= K + \frac{2}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times (ae + AD - DP).$$

$$x = (a^2 - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

**THEOREM XXXIV.**

The fluent of  $\frac{\dot{y}}{(a^2 - y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from

$a$  becomes equal to  $\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} \times a$ , is  $= \frac{M}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$

**THEOREM XXXV.**

The ~~whole~~ fluent of  $\frac{\dot{y}}{(a^2 - y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$  is  $= \frac{2M}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$

**THEOREM XXXVI.**

$$\dot{F} = \frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(a^2 - y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{2^{\frac{5}{2}}}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times (ae + e'e'' - E'')$$

$$= K + \frac{2^{\frac{3}{2}}}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times (ae + AD - DP).$$

$$x = a \times \left( \frac{a - y}{a + y} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$



## THEOREM XXXVII.

The fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(a^2 - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from  
 $a$  becomes equal to  $\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$ , is  $= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^2} \times M$ .

## THEOREM XXXVIII.

The whole fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(a^2 - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is  $= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^2} \times M$ .

## THEOREM XXXIX.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{\dot{y}}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$F = K + \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times (ac + c'e'' - E'')$$

$$= K + \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times (ac + AD - DP).$$

$$x = y - \sqrt{y^2 - a^2}.$$

## THEOREM XL.

The fluent of  $\frac{\dot{y}}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from  
 $a$  becomes equal to  $a\sqrt{2}$ , is  $= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{a^{\frac{5}{2}}} \times M$ .

## THEOREM XLI.

The whole fluent of  $\frac{\dot{y}}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is  $= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}{a^{\frac{5}{2}}} \times M$ .

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## ARTICLE XV.

*NEW TABLES for finding the Contents of CASKS,  
by Mr. JOHN LOWRY, Author of a Treatise  
on Gauging, to be published by Subscription.*

*(Continued from p. 49.)*

Quotient of the Head divided by the Bung.	Third Variety, or the two equal Frustrums of a Paraboloid.		Fourth variety, or the two equal Frustrums of a Cone.	
	A. G <sup>s</sup> .	W. G <sup>s</sup> .	A. G <sup>s</sup> .	W. G <sup>s</sup> .
50	0017407	0021250	0016247	0019833
51	0017548	0021421	0016433	0020061
52	0017692	0021596	0016622	0020291
53	0017838	0021775	0016812	0020523
54	0017987	0021957	0017047	0020758
55	0018139	0022142	0017198	0020995
56	0018293	0022331	0017394	0021234
57	0018451	0022523	0017592	0021475
58	0018611	0022718	0017792	0021719
59	0018774	0022917	0017993	0021965
60	0018939	0023119	0018196	0022213
61	0019108	0023325	0018402	0022464
62	0019279	0023534	0018609	0022716
63	0019453	0023747	0018817	0022971
64	0019630	0023963	0019028	0023228
65	0019809	0024182	0019241	0023488
66	0019992	0024388	0019455	0023750
67	0020177	0024631	0019672	0024014
68	0020365	0024860	0019891	0024280
69	0020556	0025093	0020110	0024549
70	0020749	0025329	0020332	0024820
71	0020946	0025569	0020555	0025093
72	0021145	0025812	0020779	0025368
73	0021347	0026059	0021007	0025646

Quotient of the Head divided by the Bung.	Third Variety, or the two equal Frustrums of a Paraboliod.		Fourth Variety, or the two equal Frustrums of Conc.	
	A. G'.	W. G'.	A. G'.	W. G'.
74	0021552	0026389	0021236	0025926
75	0021759	0026562	0021467	0026208
76	0021969	0026818	0021700	0026493
77	0022183	0027079	0021935	0026779
78	0022398	0027342	0022172	0027068
79	0022617	0027609	0022411	0027360
80	0022838	0027879	0022653	0027653
81	0023063	0028153	0022895	0027949
82	0023290	0028430	0023139	0028247
83	0023519	0028711	0023385	0028547
84	0023752	0028994	0023633	0028830
85	0023987	0029282	0023883	0029155
86	0024225	0029572	0024134	0029462
87	0024466	0029857	0024388	0029771
88	0024710	0030164	0024634	0030083
89	0024956	0030465	0024900	0030397
90	0025206	0030769	0025159	0030713
91	0025459	0031077	0025420	0031034
92	0025713	0031388	0025683	0031352
93	0025970	0031703	0025947	0031675
94	0026231	0032020	0026214	0032001
95	0026494	0032342	0026482	0032328
96	0026760	0032666	0026752	0032658
97	0027029	0032995	0027024	0032990
98	0027300	0033326	0027300	0033324
99	0027575	0033661	0027574	0033661
100	0027851	0033999	0027851	0033999

*To the Editor.*

SIR,

There is no part of Practical Mathematics where the opinions of authors have been so very different as in the business of *Cask Gauging*; for, among the numerous writers on the subject, it is almost impossible to find any two that agree with each other, some differing in the form of the casks, and others in the methods of finding their contents: with most authors, however, it has been usual to divide casks into four varieties or forms, *viz.*

1. The middle frustum of a spheroid.
2. The middle frustum of a parabolic spindle.
3. The two equal frustums of a paraboloid.
4. The two equal frustums of a cone.

Now, Sir, as you have already exhibited to your readers, tables for each of the above varieties, by which the contents may be found pretty near the truth, and that in much less time than by any other tables for the same purpose; but as these forms or varieties are only imaginary, and it is very probable that there never was a cask that agreed with any one of the four varieties.

Therefore I wish to recommend to my brother officers the following *General Rule*, taken from Dr. Hutton's *excellent* Mathematical and Philosophical Dictionary, vol. 1. page 258, the accuracy of which (the Doctor observes) "has been verified and proved by filling the cask with a true gallon measure."

*General Rule.*

Add into one sum,

- 39 times the square of the bung diameter,
- 25 times the square of the head diameter, and
- 26 times the product of those diameters;

Multiply the sum by the length of the cask, and the product by the number '00034; then this last product

product divided by 9 will give the *wine gallons*, and divided by 11 will give the *ale gallons*.

This rule (though much readier in practice than any other general rule I have yet met with) requires a great many figures in the operation, and cannot easily be performed by the sliding rule; I have therefore calculated the following table of multipliers and gauge points, by which the contents of any cask may be found by one single operation of the sliding rule:

### A GENERAL TABLE

*For finding the Content of any Cask, either by the Pen or Sliding Rule.*

Quot. of Head div. by Bung.	Multipliers for A. G.	Gauge points for A. G.	Multipliers for W. G.	Gauge points for W. G.
50	0018026	23.55	0022006	21.31
51	0018184	23.45	0022199	21.22
52	0018345	23.35	0022395	21.13
53	0018507	23.24	0022592	21.04
54	0018670	23.14	0022791	20.95
55	0018835	23.04	0022992	20.85
56	0019001	22.94	0023196	20.76
57	0019170	22.84	0023401	20.67
58	0019337	22.74	0023608	20.57
59	0019509	22.64	0023817	20.48
60	0019681	22.54	0024027	20.39
61	0019855	22.45	0024239	20.30
62	0020031	22.35	0024454	20.21
63	0020207	22.25	0024670	20.13
64	0020386	22.15	0024888	20.04
65	0020567	22.05	0025108	19.95
66	0020932	21.86	0025330	19.87
67	0020750	21.95	0025553	19.78

Quotient of the Head divided by the Bung.	Multipliers for A. G°.	Gauge points for A. G°.	Multipliers for W. G°.	Gauge points for W. G°.
·68	·0021116	21·76	·0025780	19·69
·69	·0021303	21·66	·0026007	19·60
·70	·0021491	21·56	·0026237	19·51
·71	·0021680	21·47	·0026468	19·43
·72	·0021871	21·37	·0026701	19·35
·73	·0022064	21·28	·0026936	19·26
·74	·0022258	21·18	·0027173	19·18
·75	·0022454	21·09	·0027412	19·09
·76	·0022651	21·01	·0027653	19·01
·77	·0022850	20·92	·0027896	18·93
·78	·0023050	20·83	·0028141	18·85
·79	·0023253	20·74	·0028387	18·77
·80	·0023457	20·65	·0028635	18·69
·81	·0023660	20·56	·0028885	18·61
·82	·0023867	20·47	·0029137	18·53
·83	·0024075	20·38	·0029392	18·44
·84	·0024285	20·29	·0029647	18·36
·85	·0024496	20·20	·0029905	18·28
·86	·0024710	20·12	·0030165	18·20
·87	·0024923	20·03	·0030426	18·13
·88	·0025140	19·95	·0030690	18·05
·89	·0025357	19·86	·0030955	17·97
·90	·0025576	19·77	·0031223	17·89
·91	·0025796	19·68	·0031493	17·81
·92	·0026019	19·60	·0031763	17·74
·93	·0026242	19·52	·0032036	17·67
·94	·0026467	19·44	·0032311	17·59
·95	·0026693	19·36	·0032588	17·51
·96	·0026922	19·27	·0032867	17·44
·97	·0027152	19·18	·0033147	17·37
·98	·0027384	19·10	·0033428	17·30
·99	·0027616	19·02	·0033713	17·22
1·00	·0027851	18·95	·0034000	17·15

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To find the content of any cask by the above table.

*By the Pen.*

Use the general rule on page 49, art. 4.

*By the Sliding Rule.*

To the gauge point on D (found opposite to the quotient arising from dividing the head diameter by the bung,) set the length of the cask on C, then against the bung diameter on D you have the content on C.

*Example.*

Required the content of a cask whose length is 40, bung diameter 32, and head diameter 24 inches.

*By the Pen.*

*First.*  $24 \div 32 = .75$ , against which in the table is .0022454 for ale gallons, and .0027412 for wine gallons.

Hence  $.0022454 \times 32^2 \times 40 = 91.97$  ale } gallons,  
and  $.0027412 \times 32^2 \times 40 = 112.27$  wine } the con-  
tent re-  
quired.

*By the Sliding Rule.*

The gauge points opposite .75 are 21.09 for ale gallons, and 19.09 for wine gallons, hence by the rule,  
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{as } 21.09 \\ 19.09 \end{array} \right\} \text{ on D } \div 40 \text{ on C} :: 32 \text{ on D } \div \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 92 \text{ ale galls. on C,} \\ 112.3 \text{ wine g. on C.} \end{array} \right.$

Having shewn the use of the above table, I shall conclude with these two observations.

1. These gauge points may be very distinctly fixed on a two foot rule, in the following manner, viz. at 21.31 on the line D place .50, and at 21.22, 21.13, 21.04 &c place 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, .60, 1, 2, 3 &c. to 1.00 which last falls in the circular gauge point for wine gallons; and in the same manner may the gauge

gauge points for ale gallons be fixed either above or below the other.

2. The above operation by the *Sliding Rule* being so very easy and accurate, I should hope to see it generally practised by the *Excise*, were not the generality of my brother officers so extremely prejudiced in favour of their old erroneous methods that it is difficult to persuade them to try any other. It is much to be wished that the Honourable Board of Excise would adopt some general rules for gauging and ullaging casks, the want of which, I am certain, is often highly injurious to the revenue, as well as to the fair trader.

JOHN LOWRY.

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#### ARTICLE XVI.

*Answers to Questions proposed in the Prospectus.*

1. QUESTION 1. *from Mr. Lawson's Dissertation on the Geometrical Analysis of the Ancients.*

IF a right line AB be bisected in E, and the points C and D taken therein such that  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ ; then I say the rectangle DCE = the rectangle ACB.

The converse of this is also true, which is this.

If a right line AB be bisected in E, and the points C and D taken therein such that  $DCE = ACB$ ; then I say  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ . Required the Demonstration?

*Answered by Peletarius\*.*

#### ANALYSIS.

Suppose the theorem true. Let CF (Fig. 54, 55, Pl. 3.) be made perpendicular and equal to BC; join

\* The Editor would be glad if PELETARIUS would favour him with his Address.



BF and draw EG parallel to BF meeting CF in G;  
join DF, DG, AF and AG; produce AG till it  
meets BF in H, and draw HK parallel to AB meet-  
ing CF in K.

Then since  $\text{rect. DCE} = \text{rect. ACB}$ ,  
and  $GC = CE$ ,  
we have  $\text{rect. DCE} = 2 \Delta DCG$ ,  
and  $\text{rect. ACB} = 2 \Delta ACF$ ;  
therefore  $\Delta DCG = \Delta ACF$ ,  
from which take the common  $\Delta ACG$ ,  
and there remains  $\Delta DAG = \Delta FAG$ ,  
therefore AG, DF are parallel,  
wherefore, it will be  $HF : FB :: AD : DB$ ,  
Again, since  $AC : HK :: AG : GH$ ;  
and, because BF is parallel to EG,  
it will be  $AG : GH :: AE : EB$ ,  
hence by equality,  $AC : HK :: AE : EB$ ;  
but, because  $AE = EB$ , we shall have  $AC = HK$ ;  
wherefore  $AC : CB :: HK : CB :: HF : FB :: AD : DB$ .  
Q. Q. V.

### SYNTHESIS.

Since  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ ,  
and  $AD : DB :: HF : FB :: HK : CB$ ,  
we have  $AC : CB :: HK : CB$ ,  
therefore  $AC = HK$  and  $AG = GH$ ;  
but  $AE = EB$ ,  
wherefore  $AG : GH :: AE : EB$ ,  
therefore EG, BF are parallel,  
and therefore  $GC : CE :: FC : CB$ ,  
but  $FC = CB$ , wherefore  $GC = CE$ .  
Again, since AG, DF are parallel  
we have  $\Delta ADG = \Delta AFG$ ,  
add the common  $\Delta ACG$  to each,  
and  $\Delta DCG = \Delta ACF$ ;  
wherefore  $2 \Delta DCG = 2 \Delta ACF$   
but,  $\text{rect. DCG or DCE} = 2 \Delta DCG$  and

and rect.  $ACF$  or  $ACB = 2 \triangle ACF$ ;  
 therefore rect.  $ACB = \text{rect. } DCE$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*Conversely.*

### ANALYSIS.

Suppose it true. Let  $CF$  be made perpendicular and equal to  $BC$ ; join  $AF$ ,  $BF$ ,  $DF$  and draw  $AG$  parallel to  $DF$  meeting  $CF$ ,  $BF$ , in  $G$ ,  $H$  respectively; also draw  $HK$  parallel to  $AB$  meeting  $CF$  in  $K$ ; join  $DG$ ,  $EG$ .

Since  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ ,  
 and  $AD : DB :: HF : FB :: HK : CB$ ;  
 therefore by equality,  $AC : CB :: HK : CB$ ,  
 but the consequents  $CB$ ,  $CB$  are equal,  
 therefore the antecedents  $AC$ ,  $HK$  must be equal;  
 wherefore  $AG = GH$ , but  $AE = EB$ ,  
 wherefore  $AG : GH :: AE : EB$ ;  
 therefore  $EG$ ,  $BF$  are parallel;  
 hence  $GC : CE :: FC : CB$ ,  
 but  $FC = CB$ ; and therefore  $GC = CE$ .

Again, since  $AG$ ,  $DF$  are parallel,  
 we have  $\triangle ADG = \triangle AFG$ ,  
 add the common  $\triangle ACG$  to each,  
 and so shall  $\triangle DCG = \triangle ACF$ ,  
 wherefore  $2 \triangle DCG = 2 \triangle ACF$ ;  
 but rect.  $DCG$  or  $DCE = 2 \triangle DCG$ ,  
 and rect.  $ACF$  or  $ACB = 2 \triangle ACF$ ,  
 and therefore rect.  $DCE = \text{rect. } ACB$ .

*Q. Q. V.*

### SYNTHESIS.

Since rect.  $DCE = \text{rect. } ACB$ ,  
 and  $GC = CE$ ,  
 we shall have rect.  $DCE = 2 \triangle DCG$ ,  
 and also rect.  $ACB = 2 \triangle ACE$ ;  
 M 2 therefore

therefore  $\triangle DCG = \triangle ACF$ ;  
 take the common  $\triangle ACG$  from each,  
 and there will remain  $\triangle DAG = \triangle FAG$ ,  
 therefore  $AG, DF$  are parallel;  
 wherefore  $HF : FB :: AD : DB$ .  
 Again, since  $AC : HK :: AG : GH$ ,  
 and  $BF$  is parallel to  $EG$ ;  
 we shall have  $AG : GH :: AE : EB$ ;  
 and by equality  $AC : HK :: AE : EB$ ,  
 but  $AE = EB$ ; and therefore  $AC = HK$ ;  
 wherefore  $AC : CB :: HK : CB :: HF : FB :: AD : DB$ .  
Q. E. D.

*The same answered by Mr. Collin Campbell.*

Since  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ , (Fig. 54.)  
 invertendo  $CB : AC :: DB : AD$ ,  
 dividendo  $2CE : AC :: AB : AD$ ,  
 hence  $CE : AC :: BE : AD$ ;  
 permutando  $CE : BE :: AC : AD$ ,  
 invertendo  $BE : CE :: AD : AC$ ,  
 componendo  $CB : CE :: DC : AC$ ,  
 wherefore  $\text{rect. } DCE = \text{rect. } ACB$ .  
Q. E. D.

*Conversely.*

Because  $\text{rect. } DCE = \text{rect. } ACB$ ,  
 it will be  $DC : AC :: CB : CE$ ;  
 and dividendo  $AD : AC :: EB : CE$ ,  
 permutando  $AD : EB :: AC : CE$ ;  
 or,  $AD : AB :: AC : 2CE$ ;  
 componendo  $AD : BD :: AC : CB$ ,  
 that is  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ .  
Q. E. D.

*The same demonstrated by Mr. John Lowry.*

By hypothesis  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ ,  
and

and, by perm. compos. &c.  $DC : AC :: 2CB \pm DC : CB;$

but AB is bisected in E; and therefore  $CB = 2C \pm AC;$

hence  $DC : AC :: 2CB \pm DC : 2CE \pm AC,$

and by perm. compos. &c.  $DC : CB :: AC : CE$

that is rect.  $DC \cdot CE = \text{rect. } AC \cdot CB.$

*Q. E. D.*

*Conversely.*

By hypothesis rect.  $DC \cdot CE = \text{rect. } AC \cdot CB,$

therefore  $DC : CB :: AC : CE,$

and by perm. compos. &c.  $DC : AC :: 2CB \pm DC : 2CE \pm AC,$

but AB is bisected in E; therefore  $2CE \pm AC = CB;$

wherefore  $DC : AC :: 2CB \pm DC : CB,$

therefore by division  $AD : AC :: DB : CB,$

hence  $AC : CB :: AD : DB.$

*Q. E. D.*

II. QUESTION 2. *from the same.*

If in AB the diameter of a circle two points C and D be assumed such that  $AC : CB :: AD : DB,$  and from D an indefinite perpendicular to the same diameter as LD be erected, and through C any line be drawn to cut the same in E and the circle in F and G; I say  $FC : CG :: FE : EG:$

The Converse of this is also true, which is this :

If any right line as LD be drawn perpendicular to the diameter AB of any circle and meet the same in D, and if from a point in the same diameter as C, any line be drawn to meet the same perpendicular in E and the circle in F and G, so that  $FC : CG :: FE : EG,$  I say that  $AC : CB :: AD : DB.$  Required the Demonstration ?

*Answered by Peletarius.*

*ANALYSIS.*

Suppose it true. Let H (Fig. 56, 57, Plate 3.) be the centre of the circle, bisect FG in K and join HK.

Then, since  $FC : CG :: FE : EG$ ;

and FG is bisected in K,

by the last Question we shall have  $\text{rect. ECK} = \text{rect. FCG}$ ;

again, because FG is bisected in K,

and H is the centre of the circle;

the angle CKH will be a right angle,

but, the angle CDE is a right angle;

therefore the points E, D, H, K, are in the circum. of a circle;

wherefore  $\text{rect. FCK} = \text{rect. DCH}$ ,

and  $\text{rect. FCG} = \text{rect. ACB}$ ;

consequently  $\text{rect. DCH} = \text{rect. ACB}$ .

but, AB is bisected in H,

and in AB two points C, D, are found,

such that the  $\text{rect. DCH} = \text{rect. ACB}$ ; and

theref. by converse of last Qu.  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ .

*Q. Q. V.*

*SYNTHESIS.*

Since  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ ,

and AB is bisected in H;

therefore by the last Qu.  $\text{rect. DCH} = \text{rect. ACB} = \text{rect. FCG}$ .

again, because H is the centre of the circle,

and FG is bisected in K;

the angle CKH will be a right angle,

but the angle CDE is a right angle;

therefore the points E, D, H, K, are in the circum. of a circle;

wherefore  $\text{rect. ECK} = \text{rect. DCH} = \text{rect. FCG}$ ;

but, FG is bisected in K,

and in FG two points C, E, are found,

such that  $\text{rect. ECK} = \text{rect. FCG}$

wherefore by converse of last Qu.  $FC : CG :: FE : EG$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*Conversely.*

*Conversely.**ANALYSIS.*

Suppose it true. Let H be the centre of the circle, bisect FG in K and join HK.

Because  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ ,  
 and AB is bisected in H ;  
 therefore by the last Qu.  $\text{rect. } DCH = \text{rect. } ACB = \text{rect. } FCG$ .  
 again, because H is the centre of the circle,  
 and FG is bisected in K ;  
 the angle CKH will be a right angle,  
 but the angle CDE is a right angle ;  
 therefore the points E, D, H, K are in the circum. of a circle ;  
 wherefore  $\text{rect. } ECK = \text{rect. } DCH = \text{rect. } FCG$  ;  
 but FG is bisected in K,  
 and in FG two points C, E, are found,  
 such that,  $\text{rect. } ECK = \text{rect. } FCG$  ;  
 therefore by converse of last Qu.  $FC : CG :: FE : EG$ .  
*Q. Q. V.*

*SYNTHESIS.*

Since  $FC : CG :: FE : EG$ ,  
 and FG is bisected in K ;  
 therefore by the last Qu.  $\text{rect. } ECK = \text{rect. } FCG = \text{rect. } ACB$  ;  
 but because H is the centre of the circle,  
 and FG is bisected in K ;  
 the angle CKH will be a right angle,  
 but the angle CDE is a right angle ;  
 therefore the points E, D, H, K are in the circum. of a circle ;  
 wherefore  $\text{rect. } DCH = \text{rect. } ECK = \text{rect. } ACB$  ;  
 but AB is bisected in H,  
 and in AB, two points C, D, are found  
 such that,  $\text{rect. } DCH = \text{rect. } ACB$  ;  
 therefore by converse of the last Qu.  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*The same answered by Mess. Campbell and Lowry.*

Bisect the diameter AB in H, and draw HK perpendicular to GE.

Then

Then by sim. triangles  $HC : KC :: CE : ED$ ,  
 therefore  $\text{rect. } HCD = \text{rect. } KCE$ ;  
 but by last Qu. and Eu. III. 35,  $\text{rect. } HCD = \text{rect. } ACB = \text{rect. } GCF$ ,  
 Hence  $\text{rect. } KCE = \text{rect. } GCF$ ;  
 and by converse of last Qu.  $FC : CG :: FE : EG$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*Conversely.*

Since  $FC : CG :: FE : EG$ ,  
 by the last Qu. and Eu. III. 35,  $\text{rect. } KCE = \text{rect. } GCF = \text{rect. } ACB$ ;  
 also by sim. triangles,  $DC : EC :: CK : CH$ ,  
 therefore  $\text{rect. } KCE = \text{rect. } DCH$ ;  
 wherefore  $\text{rect. } ACB = \text{rect. } DCH$ ;  
 therefore by the converse of the last Qu.  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

### III. QUESTION 3. from Emerson's *Fluxions*, Page 66.

Required the Fluent of  
 $(ax^2 + bxy + cy^2) \times \dot{x} + (dx^2 + fxy + gy^2) \times \dot{y} = 0$ .

*Answered by Mr. John Surtees.*

Assume  $(x + ay)^\pi \cdot (x + \beta y)^\tau \cdot (x + \gamma y)^s = A$ , a given  
 quantity; then, by logarithms,

$$\pi L \cdot (x + ay) + \tau L \cdot (x + \beta y) + s L \cdot (x + \gamma y) = L \cdot A,$$

$$\text{in fluxions } \pi \frac{\dot{x} + a\dot{y}}{x + ay} + \tau \frac{\dot{x} + \beta\dot{y}}{x + \beta y} + s \frac{\dot{x} + \gamma\dot{y}}{x + \gamma y} = 0.$$

hence by reduction we have,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & (\pi + \tau + s) \cdot x^2 \dot{x} \\ & + (\pi \beta + \tau + \tau a + \gamma + s \beta + a) \cdot xy \dot{x} \\ & + (\pi a \beta + \gamma + \tau \beta a + \gamma + s \gamma \beta + a) \cdot xy \dot{y} \\ & + (\pi a + \tau \beta + s \gamma) \cdot x^2 \dot{y} \\ & + (\beta \pi \gamma + \tau a \gamma + s a \beta) \cdot y^2 \dot{x} \\ & + (a \beta \gamma (\pi + \tau + s)) \cdot y^2 \dot{y} \end{aligned} \right\} = 0.$$

Whence



Whence by comparing the terms with those of the given equation we obtain, these six equations, viz.

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \pi + \tau + s, \\ b &= \pi \cdot (\beta + \gamma) + \tau \cdot (\alpha + \gamma) + s \cdot (\alpha + \beta), \\ c &= \pi\beta\gamma + \tau\alpha\gamma + s\alpha\beta, \\ d &= \pi\alpha + \tau\beta + s\gamma, \\ f &= \pi\alpha \cdot (\beta + \gamma) + \tau\beta \cdot (\alpha + \gamma) + s\gamma \cdot (\beta + \alpha), \\ g &= \alpha\beta\gamma \cdot (\pi + \tau + s). \end{aligned}$$

From hence the value of  $\pi, \tau, s, \alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , may be found in terms of  $a, b, c, d, f, g$ , and then by substitution, the assumed expression may be exhibited with known co-efficients and exponents, which will define the fluent of the proposed fluxion.

*Exactly in this manner the fluent was found by Mr. Collin Campbell, of Kendal.*

#### IV. QUESTION 4. *from Stewart's General Theorems.*

Let there be any number of given points; a point may be found, such, that if from all the given points there be drawn right lines to the point found, and from all the given points and the point found there be drawn right lines to any point, the sum of the squares of the lines drawn from the given points will be equal to the sum of the squares of the lines drawn from the given points to the point found, together with the multiple, by the number of the given points of the square of the line drawn from the point found. Required the Demonstration?

N. B. This is the 9th prop. of the above book, and is the first that is left undemonstrated by the author,

*Answered*



*Answered by Dr. Small, from the Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, vol. 11.*

Dr. Small delivers this question, and its investigation in the following manner :

Let there be any number,  $m$ , of given points A, B, C, &c. a point X may be found such that if from A, B, C, &c. there be drawn straight lines to any point D, and to the point X found, and if DX, be joined,

$$AD^2 + BD^2 + CD^2 \text{ \&c. } = AX^2 + BX^2 + CX^2 \text{ \&c. } + m DX^2.$$

Let  $m = 3$ . (Fig. 58, Plate 2.)

Suppose the point X found, join DX, from the given points A, B, C, draw AE, BF, CG perpendicular to DX, and join AX, BX, CX.

Since  $AD^2 + BD^2 + CD^2 = AX^2 + BX^2 + CX^2 + 3DX^2$ , and

$$AD^2 = AX^2 + DX^2 - 2DX \cdot XE, \text{ and}$$

$$BD^2 = BX^2 + DX^2 - 2DX \cdot XF, \text{ and}$$

$$CD^2 = CX^2 + DX^2 - 2DX \cdot XG, \text{ the}$$

point X in the line DX must be so taken, that the part EX, intercepted between it and AE the perpendicular, from the point A, be equal to FX and GX, the sum of the parts intercepted between it and the perpendiculars BF and CG, from B and C ; and the parts FX, GX must be in the opposite direction to EX.

This will be effected by the following construction : join AB, and bisect it in H ; and join CH, and divide it in X, so that  $CX = 2HX$  ; X will be the point required.

From H draw DX the perpendicular HK.

Since  $AH = BH$ , we shall have  $EK = FK$  ;

and since  $CX = 2HX$ , we shall also have  $GX = 2KX$ .

Therefore since  $FX = FK - KX$ , and

$$GX = 2KX$$

$$FX + GX = FK + KX = EK + KX = EX, \text{ and}$$

$$-2DX \cdot XE + 2DX \cdot XF + 2DX \cdot XG = 0.$$

*The*

The point X thus found is the centre of gravity of the three points A, B, C.

The second and fourth of Dr. Stewart's Theorems are particular cases of this proposition, and are easily derived from it.

Remark. Dr. Small's *demonstration of this proposition, as well as his other demonstrations in the Edinburgh Transactions, are very ingenious, but they certainly lack much of that geometrical purity, and chastity of expression, which are to be found in the demonstrations of the first five theorems left by Dr. Stewart, (which is given in Article II. of this work,) as patterns to be followed in the demonstration of the rest.*

The Editor invites Geometricians to exert themselves, and to dive into Dr. Stewart's scientific fishery, for the rich pearls which he promises them; for the Doctor says, "if any give themselves the trouble to explain some of these theorems, they will find their time and pains sufficiently rewarded, by the great number of new and curious propositions which they would infallibly discover in doing it."

*The same answered by Mr. Lowry.*

Let A, B, C, D, E, F, &c. (Fig. 36, Plate 2.) be the given points, join any two of them as A, B, with the right line AB which bisect in I; join the point I and any other of the given points as C with the right line IC; cut IC in P, so that  $PC=2PI$ ; join the point P and any other of the given points as D with the right line PD which divide in H so that  $DH=3PH$ ; join the point H and any other of the given points as E with the right line HE, divide HE in G so that  $EG=4GH$ ; join the point G and any other of the given points as F with the  
right

right line GF, divide GF in K so that  $FK=5GK$ ; join the point K and any other of the given points, &c. then will I be the point required for the two given points A, B; P for the three given points A, B, C; H for the four given points A, B, C, D; G for the five given points A, B, C, D, E; K for the six given points, A, B, C, D, E, F, &c. that is supposing Q any other point, and right lines be drawn from it to all the given points, and the point found, and right lines be drawn from the given points to the point found, then will

$$\begin{aligned} AQ^2 + BQ^2 &= AI^2 + BI^2 + 2IQ^2, \\ AQ^2 + BQ^2 + CQ^2 &= AP^2 + BP^2 + CP^2 + 3PQ^2, \\ AQ^2 + BQ^2 + CQ^2 + DQ^2 &= AH^2 + BH^2 + CH^2 + DH^2 + 4HQ^2, \\ &\quad \&c. \qquad \qquad \qquad \&c. \end{aligned}$$

for two, three, four, &c. points.

### DEMONSTRATION.

*Case 1.* For two given points A, B.

Because A B is bisected in I, we have by

Prop. II. Art. II.  $AQ^2 + BQ^2 = 2AI^2 + 2IQ^2,$   
 $= AI^2 + BI^2 + 2IQ^2.$   
Q. E. D.

*Case 2.* For three given points A, B, C.

On IPC demit the perpendicular QL, then

by Prop. II. Art. II.  $AP^2 + BP^2 = 2AI^2 + 2IP^2,$

and by *conf.*  $PC = 2IP$ , or  $PC^2 = 4IP^2,$

therefore  $AP^2 + BP^2 + CP^2 = 2AI^2 + 6IP^2.$

Again  $AQ^2 + BQ^2 = 2AI^2 + 2IQ^2,$

Euclid I. 47.  $= 2AI^2 + 2IL^2 + 2LQ^2,$

also  $QC^2 = LQ^2 + LC^2,$

and therefore  $AQ^2 + BQ^2 + CQ^2 = 2AI^2 + 2IL^2 + CL^2 + 3LQ^2;$

but  $IL = IP + PL$  and  $CL = 2IP - PL$

therefore  $2IL^2 + CL^2 = 6IP^2 + 3PL^2;$

and  $3PQ^2 = 3QL^2 + 3PL^2,$

where-

wherefore  $AQ^2 + BQ^2 + CQ^2 = 2AI^2 + 6IP^2 + 3PQ^2$ ;  
 but  $AP^2 + BP^2 + CP^2 = 2AI^2 + 6IP^2$ ;  
 therefore  $AQ^2 + BQ^2 + CQ^2 = AP^2 + BP^2 + CP^2 + 3PQ^2$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*Case 3.* For four given points A, B, C, D.

On PD, PC demit the perpendiculars QN, HS;

Then Prop. II. Art. II.  $AH^2 + BH^2 = 2AI^2 + 2IH^2$ ,  
 Eu. I. 47.  $= 2AI^2 + 2IS^2 + 2SH^2$ ;

and  $CH^2 = CS^2 + SH^2$ ,

therefore  $AH^2 + BH^2 + CH^2 = 2AI^2 + 2IS^2 + CS^2 + 3SH^2$ ;

but  $IS = IP + PS$  and  $CS = 2IP - PS$ ,

and  $3PH^2 = 3PS^2 + 3SH^2$ ,

therefore  $2IS^2 + CS^2 = 6IP^2 + 3PS^2$ ,

and  $AH^2 + BH^2 + CH^2 = 2AI^2 + 6IP^2 + 3PH^2$ ;

by *conf.*  $DH = 3PH$ , or  $DH^2 = 9PH^2$ ,

therefore  $AH^2 + BH^2 + CH^2 + DH^2 = 2AI^2 + 6IP^2 + 12PH^2$ .

Again  $AQ^2 + BQ^2 + CQ^2 = 2AI^2 + 6IP^2 + 3PQ^2$ ,

Euclid I. 47.  $= 2AI^2 + 6IP^2 + 3PN^2 + 3QN^2$ ,

and  $DQ^2 = QN^2 + ND^2$ , therefore

$AQ^2 + BQ^2 + CQ^2 + DQ^2 = 2AI^2 + 6IP^2 + 3PN^2 + ND^2 + 4QN^2$ ;

but  $DH = 3PH$ ,

therefore  $PN = PH + HN$  and  $ND = 3PH - HN$ ;

hence  $3PN^2 + ND^2 = 12PH^2 + 4HN^2$ ,

but  $4HQ^2 = 4NQ^2 + 4HN^2$ ,

wher.  $AQ^2 + BQ^2 + CQ^2 + DQ^2 = 2AI^2 + 6IP^2 + 12PH^2 + 4HQ^2$ ;

but  $AH^2 + BH^2 + CH^2 + DH^2 = 2AI^2 + 6IP^2 + 12PH^2$ , therefore

$AQ^2 + BQ^2 + CQ^2 + DQ^2 = AH^2 + BH^2 + CH^2 + DH^2 + 4HQ^2$

In the same manner may the proposition be proved for any number of points, but as the number increases, the demonstration becomes more prolix.

V. QUESTION 5. *by Mr. Thomas Bournley.*

Let there be a semicircle whose diameter is AB,  
 and centre C; bisect CB in D, and draw DE per-  
 N pen

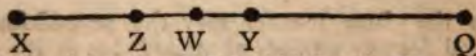
pendicular to AB, meeting the semicircle in E; join AE; if from any point F, in the semicircle, there be drawn FG perpendicular to AB, meeting AB in G and AE in H, the square of DE will be greater than the rectangle FGH. Required the Demonstration?

*Answered by Pappus, junior.*

Let EK, (Fig. 59, Plate 3.) a tangent to the semicircle at E, meet AB in K and FG in L: then by the nature of the circle CK, CB, CD, are proportionals; but  $CB = 2CD$ ; and therefore  $CK = 2CB$ ; wherefore  $KB = BC = AC$ ; but  $BD = DC$ , and, therefore  $AD = DK$ .  
Again,  $AD^2 : \text{rect. DAG} :: DA : AG :: DE : GH :: DE^2 : DE \cdot GH$ ,  
and alternately  $AD^2 :: DE^2 :: \text{rect. DAG} : \text{rect. DE} \cdot GH$ ;  
again  $\text{rect. AGK} : \text{DAG} :: GK : AD$  or  $DK :: LG : DE :: LGH : DE \cdot GH$ ,  
alternately  $\text{rect. AGK} : LGH :: DAG : DE \cdot GH$ ;  
hence by equality,  $AD^2 : DE^2 :: AG \cdot GK : LG \cdot GH$ ;  
but  $AD^2$  is greater than  $\text{rect. AGK}$ ,  
therefore  $DE^2$  is greater than  $\text{rect. LGH}$ ;  
and therefore, because GL is greater than GF,  
 $DE^2$  is greater than  $\text{rect. FGH}$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*The same demonstrated by Mr. Campbell.*

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If any right line XQ be bisected in Y, and any how divided in the points Z, W, so that W be nearer to Y than Z; I say  $\text{rect. XWQ}$  is greater than  $\text{rect. XZQ}$ .

*This being premised,* Take the point F any where between AE; and through any point f in the arch AB make hfg perpendicular to AB, meeting AE produced in h, draw the lines FET, Efr; meeting  
AB

AB produced in T, r; also let EK, a tangent to the semicircle at E, meet AB produced in K.

Then, by right angled  $\Delta$ 's, rect.  $DC \cdot CK = CE^2$ ,  
and  $CK = CE^2 \div CD = 2CE$ ;  
and therefore  $AD = DK$ .

*Case 1.* To prove that  $DE^2$  is greater than rect. FGH.

By similar triangles,  $AG : AD :: GH : DE$ ,  
and  $TG : TD :: GF : DE$ ;  
and, by Simpson's Geo. IV. 11, rect.  $AGT : ADT :: HGF : DE^2$ ;  
but DT is evidently greater than DK,  
and D is nearer the middle of AT than G;  
therefore by the lemma rect. AGT is less than rect. ADT;  
consequently rect. HGF is less than  $DE^2$ .

*Case 2.* To prove that  $DE^2$  is greater than rect. fgh.

By similar triangles,  $AD : Ag :: DE : gh$ ,  
and  $Dr : gr :: DE : gf$ ;  
therefore rect.  $ADr : Agr :: DE^2 : hgf$ .  
Now, Dr being less than DK, it is less therefore than AD,  
but, D is nearer the middle of Ar than g;  
therefore by the lemma rect. Agr is less than rect. ADr,  
wherefore rect. fgh is less than  $DE^2$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

## VI. QUESTION 6. *from the London Magazine improved.*

Suppose a plane to touch the spheroidal figure of the earth, in a given latitude; it is required to find the angle contained by this plane and a tangent drawn to any given point of the earth?

*Answered by nobody.*

It is therefore re-proposed in the present Number.

VII. QUESTION 7. *from the British Oracle.*

Required the area of the common parabola by the method of increments ?

*Answered by Mr. Collin Campbell.*

If an infinite number of double ordinates were drawn, so that the parabola might be divided into indefinitely small areas, it is manifest that these evanescent spaces, bounded by every two adjoining ordinates and the curve, may truly be considered as parallelograms, whose sum will express the area sought.

Put  $x$  = any variable part of the abscissa,  
 $y$  = the corresponding ordinate,  
 and  $r$  = the latus rectum; then by  
 conics,  $rx = y^2$ , and  $rx = y^2$ , or  $rx + rx = y^2 + 2yy + y^2$ ;

hence  $rx = 2yy + y^2 = 2yy$ , because  $y$  is evanescent;

wherefore  $2yx$ , the area of an incremental  
 parallelogram, is  $= \frac{4y^2y}{r} = \frac{4}{r} \times (yy - yy^3)$ ; and the

integral thereof  $= \frac{4}{r} \times \left( \frac{yyy}{3} - \frac{yyy^3}{2} \right)$   
 $= \frac{4}{r} \times \left( \frac{y^3}{3} - 0 \right) = \frac{4}{3r} y^3 = \frac{4}{3r} y \times rx = \frac{4}{3} xy$  the  
 area, as required.

VIII. QUESTION 8. *being Prop. 1<sup>st</sup> of Mac  
 Laurin's Geometria Organica.*

Circa duo puncta C & S in Plano quovis data tan-  
 quam Polos moveantur Anguli dati FCO & KSH;  
 ducator concursus crurum CF & SK per rectam AE  
 in eodem Plano positione datam; atque reliquæ in-  
 terea Crura CO & SH Concursu suo P describent  
 Curvam

**Curvam primi Genesıs.—Required an English Translation and Solution?**

*Answered from Mr. Mac Laurin's Algebra.*

### TRANSLATION.

Let the two points C and S be given, and the straight line AE in the same plane; Let the given angles FCO, KSH, revolve about the points C and S as poles, and let the intersection of the sides CF, SK be carried along the straight line AE; and the intersection of the sides CO, SH, will describe a curve of the first order.

### Investigation.

Let the sides CF, SK, (Fig. 60, Plate 3.) intersect each other in Q, and the sides CO, SH in P; let PM and QN be perpendicular on CS; then draw PR, QU; PT, QL so that,  $\angle CUQ = \angle CRP = \angle FCG$ ; and  $\angle SLQ = \angle STP = \angle KSD$ ; since the angle RCP makes two right ones with RCQ and QUC, the  $\angle CRP$  will be  $= \angle CQU$ ; therefore the triangles CUQ, CRP will be similar.

And in the same manner you may demonstrate, that the triangles SLQ, STP are similar.

Whence  $CR : PR :: QU : CU$   
and  $ST : PT :: QL : SL$ ;

Suppose  $CS = a$ ,  $CA = b$ , the sine of the angle FCO to its cosine as  $d$  to  $a$ ; sine of the angle

CAE to its cosine as  $c$  to  $a$ ; and sine of the angle KSH to its cosine as  $e$  to  $a$ ; put also  $PM =$

$y$ ,  $CM = x$  and  $QN = z$ ;

then,  $MRP$  (FCO):  $MP :: \cos. MRP : RM = ay \div d$ ,

and  $PR = (PM^2 + RM^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = y \cdot (a^2 + d^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \div d$ ;

also  $CR = CM - MR = x - ay \div d$ ;

likewise  $QU = z \cdot (a^2 + d^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \div d$ ,

and  $CU = CA - AN - NU = b - az \div c - az \div d$ ;

but, it was shewn that,  $CR : PR :: QU : CU$ , that



$$\text{is } \frac{dx-ay}{d} : \frac{y}{d} \cdot (a^2+d^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} :: \frac{z}{d} \cdot (a^2+d^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} : \frac{bdc-az \cdot (d+c)}{dc}$$

Hence by multiplying means and extremes, &c. we have  $QN=z = bc \cdot (dx-ay) \div (y \cdot (dc-a^2) + ax \cdot (d+c))$ .

In like manner you will find

$$\begin{aligned} ST &= a-x-ay \div e, PT=y \cdot (a^2+e^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \div e, QL=z \cdot (a^2+e^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \div e; \\ \text{and } SL &= AN-AS-NL=a-b+az \cdot (e-c) \div ec; \\ \text{but above it is shewn that } ST:PT &:: QL:SL, \text{ this} \\ \text{proportion put into species gives } QN &= z = \\ c \cdot (a-b) \cdot (ae-ex-ay) \div &\left( y \cdot (ec+a^2) + ax \cdot (e-c) + a^2 \cdot (c-e) \right); \\ \text{now by equating these two values of } z, &\text{ the resulting} \\ \text{equation will be } (\overline{a-b \cdot ce} + \overline{ae-bc \cdot d}) \cdot x^2 &+ (a^2 \cdot d + c-e + dce) \cdot xy \\ + (a \cdot \overline{a^2+cd} - bc \cdot \overline{e+d}) \cdot y^2 &+ (abc \cdot \overline{d+e} - a^2 \cdot \overline{e \cdot d+e}) \cdot x \\ - (bc \cdot \overline{a^2-ed} + ae \cdot \overline{dc-a^2}) \cdot y &= 0; \end{aligned}$$

Where since  $x$  and  $y$  are only of two dimensions, it appears that the curve must be of the *first order* or a conic section.

Q. E. D.

*The same answered by Mr. Colson.*

This Gentleman, in his translation of Sir *Isaac Newton's Fluxions and infinite Series*, gives this problem with its solution, by way of a dialogue between a Master and his Scholar, to this effect.

*Master.* In the right line CS, I give you two points S and C.

*Scholar.* Then their distance  $SC=m$ , is also given.

*Master.* As likewise the two points P and Q out of the line SC.

*Scholar.*

*Scholar.* Then consequently the figure  $SPCQ$  is given in magnitude and specie; and producing  $PS$  and  $PC$  towards  $d$  and  $\delta$ , I can take  $Sd = SQ$  and  $C\delta = CQ$ .

*Master.* Also I give you the indefinite right line  $AE$  in position passing through the point  $Q$ .

*Scholar.* Then the angles  $SQA$  and  $CQE$  are given, to which (producing  $SC$  both ways, if need be, to  $C$  and  $S$ ), I can make the angles  $Sde$  and  $C\delta f$  equal respectively, and that will determine the points  $e$  and  $f$ , or the lines  $Se = a$  and  $Cf = c$ ; and because  $de$  and  $\delta f$  are thereby known, I can continue  $de$  to  $g$ , so that  $dg = \delta f$ , and make the given line  $eg = b$ . Likewise, I can draw  $Ph$  and  $Pk$  parallel to  $ed$  and  $\delta f$  respectively, meeting  $SC$  in  $h$  and  $k$ , and because the triangle  $Phk$  will be given in magnitude and specie, I will make  $Pk = d$ ,  $Ph = e$  and  $hk = f$ .

*Master.* Now let the given angles  $KSH$  and  $FCO$  be conceived to revolve about the given points or poles  $S$  and  $C$ .

*Scholar.* Then the lines  $SQ$  and  $PSd$  will move into another situation  $Sq$  and  $pSl$ , so that the angles  $QSq$ ,  $dSl$ , and  $PSp$  will be equal.

Also the lines  $CQ$  and  $PC\delta$  will obtain a new situation  $Cq$  and  $pCr$ , so that the angles  $QCq$ ,  $\delta Cr$  and  $PCp$  will be equal.

*Master.* And let  $Q$  the intersection of the lines  $SQ$  and  $CQ$  always move in the right line  $AE$ .

*Scholar.* Then the new point of intersection  $q$  is in  $AE$ ; then the triangles  $QSq$  and  $dSl$ , as also  $QCq$  and  $\delta Cr$  are equal and similar; then  $dl = Qq = \delta\lambda$  and therefore  $gl = \lambda f$ .

*Master.* What will be the nature of the curve described by the other point of intersection  $P$ ?

*Scholar.* From the new point of intersection  $p$  to  $SC$  I will draw the lines  $ph$  and  $pk$ , parallel to  $Ph$  and  $Pk$  respectively.

Then

Then will the triangle  $phk$  be given in specie, though not in magnitude, for it will be similar to  $Phk$ .

Also the triangle  $Cph$  will be the similar to  $Crf$ .

And the indefinite line  $Ck = x$ , may be assumed for an absciss, and  $ph = y$  may be the corresponding ordinate to the curve  $Pp$ .

Then, because it is  $Ck : ph :: Cf : fr = cy \div x = gl$ .

I can find  $le = ge - gl = b - cy \div x$ .

And because of the similar triangles  $phk$ ,  $Phk$ ,

it will be  $Pk : Ph :: ph : ph = cy \div d$ ,

and  $Pk : hk :: ph : hk = fy \div d$ ;

therefore  $Sh = SC - Ck - hk = m - x - fy \div d$ ,

but it is  $Sh : ph :: Se : le$ ,

in specie  $(m - x - fy \div d) : cy \div d :: a : (b - cy \div x)$ ,

therefore  $(m - x - fy \div d) \cdot (b - cy \div x) = acy \div d$ ,

or,  $fcy^2 + (dc - ae - bf)xy - dcmy - bdx^2 \div bdmx = 0$ .

In which equation, because the indeterminate quantities  $x$  and  $y$  arise only to two dimensions, it shews that the curve described by the point  $P$  is a conic section.

*Master.* You have therefore solved the problem in general, but you should now apply your solution to the several species of conic sections in particular.

*Scholar.* That may easily be done in the following manner, make  $(ae + bf - cd) \div c = 2p$ ,

and the foregoing equation will become

$fcy^2 - 2pcxy - dcmy - bdx^2 \div bdmx = 0$ .

and by extracting the square root it will be  $y =$

$$\frac{p}{f}x + \frac{dm}{2f} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{p^2}{f^2} + \frac{bd}{cf}\right)x^2 + \left(\frac{pdm}{f^2} - \frac{bdm}{fc}\right)x + \frac{d^2m^2}{4f^2}}$$

Now here it is plain that if the term  $\left(\frac{p^2}{f^2} + \frac{bd}{cf}\right)x^2$

were absent or, or if  $\frac{p^2}{f^2} + \frac{bd}{cf} = 0$ , or

$p^2 + \frac{bdf}{c} = 0$

$p^2 \div f^2 = -bd \div fc$ ; that is, if the quantity  $bd \div fc$ , (changing its sign) should be equal to  $p^2 \div f^2$ , then the curve would be a *parabola*.

But if the same term were present and equal to some affirmative quantity, that is, if  $p^2 \div f^2 + bd \div fc$  be affirmative (which will always be the case when  $bd \div fc$  is affirmative, or if it be negative and less than  $p^2 \div f^2$ ) the curve will be an *hyperbola*.

Lastly, if the same term were present and negative, (which can only be when  $bd \div fc$  is negative and greater than  $p^2 \div f^2$ ) the curve will be an *ellipse* or a *circle*.

*The same answered from Emerson's Algebra.*

Draw QN and PM perpendicular to SC; and put  $AS = a$ ,  $SC = b$ , tang.  $\angle SAQ = t$ , tang.  $\angle PSQ = p$ , tang.  $\angle PCQ = q$ ,  $SN = v$ ,  $SM = x$ ,  $PM = y$ , and  $CN = b - v$ ,  $CM = b - x$ .

Then by trigonometry  $1 : a + v :: t : ta + tv = QN$ ,  
and  $v : 1 :: ta + tv : (ta + tv) \div v = \text{tang. } QSN$ ;  
also  $x : 1 :: y : y \div x = \text{tang. } PSM$ ,

and  $b - v : 1 :: ta + tv : (ta + tv) \div b - v = \text{tang. } QCN$ ,  
and  $b - x : 1 :: y : y \div (b - x) = \text{tang. } PCM$ .

but by trig. I. 8,  $1 - \frac{ta + tv}{vx} y : 1 :: \frac{ta + tv}{v} + \frac{y}{x} : p$ ,

and  $1 - \frac{ta + tv}{b - v} \cdot \frac{y}{b - x} : 1 :: \frac{ta + tv}{b - v} + \frac{y}{b - x} : q$ ;

Hence by multiplying means and extremes, and afterwards reducing, we have these two equations,

$p vx - p t a y - p t v y = t a x + t v x + v y$ ,  
and  $(t v + q v) \cdot (b - x) + t q v y - v y = q b \cdot (b - x) - t a q y + t a x - t a b - b y$ .

From these two last equations we get

$$v = \frac{q b^2 - q b x + t a q y - t a b - t a x - b y}{q b - q x + t q y + t b - t x - y} = \frac{t a x + p t a y}{p x - t x - p t y - y}.$$

And

And by substituting for the known compound quan-

tities we have  $\frac{cx+dy+f}{-gx+hy+l} = \frac{tax+tapy}{nx-sy}$ ,

this reduced the resulting equation is

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} taph \\ +sd \end{array} \right\} y^2 - \left. \begin{array}{l} -tag \\ -cn \end{array} \right\} x^2 + \left. \begin{array}{l} -tapg \\ +tah \\ +sc \\ -dn \end{array} \right\} xy + \left. \begin{array}{l} +tal \\ -fn \end{array} \right\} x + \left. \begin{array}{l} +tapl \\ +sf \end{array} \right\} y = 0.$$

which being an equation of two dimensions, the curve will be a *conic section*.

## ARTICLE XVII.

### A COLLECTION OF PROBLEMS.

*To be answered in Number IV.*

#### I. QUESTION 29. by Mr. Ra. Simpson.

**S**UPPOSE one penny had been lent at compound interest at *5 per cent.* in the first year of the Christian era, or birth of Christ, and so continued to this present year 1796. *Query*, the exact amount thereof?

#### II. QUESTION 30. by the Rev. Mr. L. Evans.

Three persons join stock A, B and C; A put in £.150, for 14 months, B put in a certain sum for 12 months, C put in a certain sum for a certain time, so that their stock and gain were £.475, of which A took £.195, B, £.153, and C, £.127. I demand B's stock, also C's stock and time?

#### III. QUESTION 31. by Mr. T. Bulmer, Teacher of the Mathematics, at Sunderland.

A wants to purchase of B an annuity of £.25 per annum

*annum*, payable half-yearly, to continue 27 years; the purchase money to be paid by A to B half-yearly, reckoning each at compound interest at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Query, how much must A pay B every half-year to make up the purchase money in 11 years?

#### IV. QUESTION 32. by Mr. Jon. Mabbott.

At page 418, *Emerson's Algebra*, is given the equation  $y^4 + 2dy^3 + (d^2 - 4r^2)y^2 - 4r^2dy + r^2b^2 = 0$ ; it is required to find the root  $y$ ?

#### V. QUESTION 33. by Mr. Burdon.

Given the base of a plane triangle, the angle made by one side and the base, and the difference between the other side and the perpendicular, to construct it?

#### VI. QUESTION 34. by Mr. Louis Hill, Rowley.

Given the ratio of the bung and head diameter as one to three-fourths, and the difference between the semi-length and diagonal 8 inches, of a cask of the 2d variety; to find the dimensions when it holds 98 ale gallons?

#### VII. QUESTION 35. by Mr. Hill.

Given the side of a spherical square  $= 28^\circ 16'$ ; to find its area, and the radius of its inscribed circle?

#### VIII. QUESTION 36. by Nauticus.

Given the latitude and longitude of three places on the earth; to find a fourth place, such, that the sum of the distances from it to the other three may be the least possible, supposing the earth a perfect sphere?

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IX. QUESTION 37. *by Appolonius, junior.*

To determine a point in the base of a plane triangle, such, that if perpendiculars be drawn from it to the other two sides, the area of the trapezium so formed may be a *maximum* ?

X. QUESTION 38. *by the same.*

To determine a point in a curve of any order given by position, such, that if two lines be drawn from it to make given angles with two parallel lines given also by position, the sum or difference of their squares may be equal to a given square ?

XI. QUESTION 39. *by Mr. O. G. Gregory.*

The area of the whole figure of the versed lines of a certain circle is 2827.4337, from hence it is proposed to determine the difference between the areas of the least equilateral triangle, and the least rectangled triangle that circumscribe the circle ?

XII. QUESTION 40. *by Mr. John Lowry.*

Given the area of a plane triangle, the sum of the sides, and the rectangle contained by the segments of the base made by the point of contact of the inscribed circle, to construct it ?

XIII. QUESTION 41. *by Mr. Lowry.*

Given the vertical angle and the difference of the sides of a plane triangle to construct it, when the rectangle of the sides has to the rectangle of the segments of the base made by the perpendicular a given ratio ?

XIV. QUESTION 42. *by Mr. Mabbot.*

Required the sum of the infinite series

$$\frac{1}{9 \cdot 11 \cdot 12 \cdot 28} - \frac{1}{10 \cdot 12 \cdot 14 \cdot 30} + \frac{1}{11 \cdot 13 \cdot 16 \cdot 32} - \&c.$$

by Mr. Sterling's method ?

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## XV. QUESTION 43. by Mr. W. Pearson.

Suppose a comet containing the same quantity of matter as the moon, to pass between the moon and earth equally distant from the two bodies, to find how high it will raise the waters in the ocean?

## XVI. QUESTION 44. by Mydorgius.

Let APBQCRDSET, &c. (Fig. 74, Plate 4.) be an ellipsis, and *abcdef*, &c. *pqrstv*, &c. two polygons of an equal number of sides described about the same, such, that the sides of each polygon may be bisected by their respective points of contact, A, P, B, Q, C, R, D, S, E, T, &c. *i. e.* such that,  $aA = Ab$ ,  $bB = Bc$ ,  $cC = Cd$ , &c. and  $pP = Pq$ ,  $qQ = Qr$ ,  $rR = Rs$ , &c. Then I say, that the sum of the squares of the sides of one polygon will be equal to the sum of the squares of the sides of the other polygon; that is,  $ab^2 + bc^2 + cd^2 + de^2 + \&c. = pq^2 + qr^2 + rs^2 + st^2 + \&c.$  And if the lines AB, BC, CD, DE, &c. PQ, QR, RS, ST, &c. be drawn, then I say, that  $AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + \&c. = PQ^2 + QR^2 + RS^2 + \&c.$

Also, if O be the centre of the ellipsis and the lines OA, OP, OB, OQ, OC, OR, &c. be drawn I say that  $OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 + OD^2 + \&c. = OP^2 + OQ^2 + OR^2 + OS^2 + \&c.$

And, if the lines Oa, Op, Ob, Oq, Oc, Or, &c. be drawn, then I say that  $Oa^2 + Ob^2 + Oc^2 + Od^2 + \&c. = Op^2 + Oq^2 + Or^2 + Os^2 + \&c.$  Required the demonstration?

## XVIII. QUESTION 45. by Pappus, junior.

Let there be an ellipsis whose transverse axis is AB, and foci D, E; produce DA to F; and let DF be equal to AB; upon DF let there be a femi-circuli



the circumference E two lines CE, HE meeting the same again in D and G; I say that  $EC : CD :: EH : HG$ .

PROP. IX.

If in AB the diameter of a circle be taken any point C, and CD be drawn meeting the circumference in D and E, and from the point D be drawn DF perpendicular to CE, which meets the diameter AB in F and the circumference in G; then I say that  $DC : CE :: DF : FG$ .

PROP. X.

If in AB the diameter of a circle two points C and D be taken such that  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ , and through the centre E a perpendicular to AB be drawn, and from C a line be drawn to meet the same in F, and if through D any line DG be drawn to meet the circle in G and H, and from the point G be drawn GK the same side of DG, as F is of the diameter AB to make the angle DGK equal to the angle CFE, and let the line GK meet the circle in L and the line CF in M; then I say that  $GM : ML :: DG : DH$ .

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ARTICLE XIX.

Containing four Propositions from *Stewart's General Theorems*.

*To be demonstrated in Number III.*

PROP. XI. THEO. VIII.

LET there be any number of given points, two points may be found, such, that if from all the given points and the two points found there be drawn right lines to any point, twice the sum of the squares of the lines drawn from the given points, will be equal to the multiple by the number of the given points of the sum of the squares of the lines drawn from the two points found.

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## PROP. XII. THEO. IX.

Let there be any number of given points, and let  $a, b, c$ , &c. be given magnitudes, as many in number as there are given points; two points may be found, such, that if from all the given points and the two points found there be drawn right lines to any point, the square of the line drawn from one of the given points, together with the space to which the square of the line drawn from another of the given points has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of the line drawn from another of the given points has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of the lines drawn from the two points found has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ , &c.

## PROP. XIII. THEO. X.

Let there be any number of right lines given by position, and parallel to each other; a right line may be found parallel to the lines given by position, such, that if from any point there be drawn a perpendicular to the right lines given by position and to the line found, the sum of the squares of the lines intercepted between the point and the right lines given by position, will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line intercepted between the point and the right line found, by the number of the right lines given by position, together with a given space.

## PROP. XIV. THEO. XI.

Let there be any number of right lines intersecting each other in one point, and making all the angles round the point of intersection equal; and from any point let there be drawn perpendiculars to the right lines, and likewise let there be drawn a right line to the point of intersection: twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn to the point of intersection by the number of the lines.

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## ARTICLE XX.

Containing six Propositions from *Lawson on the Ancient Analysis*.

*To be demonstrated in Number IV.*

## PROP. XI.

**I**F from any point C, in the diameter of a circle produced a perpendicular be raised and from any point D in the same a line be drawn to cut the circle in E and F; then I say the rectangle EDF is equal to the rectangle ACB together with the square of CD.

## PROP. XII.

If from any point C in the diameter of a circle produced, a perpendicular be raised and thereon, CD be taken, whose square is equal to the rectangle ACB, and CE be put equal CD, and from any point in DE as H a line be drawn to cut the circle in F and G; then I say twice the rectangle FHG is equal to the sum of the squares of HD and HE.

## PROP. XIII.

If in AB, the diameter of a circle, two points C and D be so taken that C being without, and D either within or without the circle, the square of CD be equal to the rectangle ACB, and from C a perpendicular to AB erected, and any line drawn through D to cut the same in G and the circle in E and F; then I say the square of GD will be equal to the rectangle EGF.

The converse of this is also true, which is this:

If GC be perpendicular to AB the diameter of a circle, and meets it without the circle in C, and if from G a line be drawn to cut the circle in E and F,

F, and the diameter either within or without in D, and the square of GD be equal to the rectangle EG F; then I say the square of CD will be equal to the rectangle ACB.

*PROP. XIV.*

Things remaining as in the last proposition, if the perpendiculars Eg and FH be demitted; then I say that the rectangle gCH is equal to the square of CD.

*PROP. XV.*

If from C, any point in the diameter of a circle AB produced a tangent be drawn, and from the point of contact D a perpendicular to the diameter DE be demitted; then I say that  $AC : CB :: AE : EB$ .

Or conversely thus :

If in AB, the diameter of a circle be taken two points, C and E, such that  $AC : CB :: AE : EB$ , and from E a perpendicular ED raised, and CD drawn; then I say CD touches the circle in D.

Or thus :

If in AB the diameter of a circle produced a point C be taken, and therefrom a tangent as CD be drawn, and in the diameter a point E be taken, such that  $AC : CB :: AE : EB$ ; then I say ED being drawn will be perpendicular to the diameter AB.

*PROP. XVI.*

Let AB be any chord in a circle, and CD another cutting the former in E, CB being joined, from D draw DF parallel to CB to meet AB in F; I say the rectangle AEF is equal to the square of DE.

*PROP. XVII.*

If ABC be a triangle inscribed in a circle whose sides CA and CB are equal, and the rectangle CBD equal to the square of AB, and let AE be any line cutting

cutting CB in F, and the circle again in E, and from E let a parallel to AB be drawn to meet CB in G; then I say that the rectangle  $CFG:BF^2::CG:BD$ .

# ARTICLE XXI.

Containing four Propositions from *Stewart's General Theorems*.

*To be demonstrated in Number IV.*

## PROP. XV. THEO. XII.

Let there be any number of right lines given by position, intersecting each other in a point; two right lines may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to all the right lines given by position, and likewise perpendiculars, to the two right lines found, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the right lines given by position, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the two lines found by the number of the lines given by position.

## PROP. XVI. THEO. XIII.

Let there be any number of right lines given by position, that are neither all parallel, nor intersecting each other in one point; two right lines may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to the right lines given by position, and likewise perpendiculars to the two right lines found, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the right lines given by position, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars



diculars drawn to the two right lines found by the number of the right lines given by position together with a given space.

PROP. XVII. THEO. XIV.

Let there be any number greater than three of right lines given by position; three right lines may be found that will be given by position such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to all the right lines given by position, and likewise to the three lines found, thrice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the right lines given by position, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the three lines found by the number of the lines given by position.

PROP. XVIII. THEO. XV.

Let there be any number of right lines given by position, and parallel to each other; and let  $a, b, c$ , &c. be given magnitudes as many in number as there are right lines given by position; a right line may be found parallel to the right lines given by position such, that if from any point there be drawn a perpendicular to the right lines given by position, and likewise to the right line found, the square of the segment intercepted between the point and one of the right lines given by position, together with the space to which the square of the segment intercepted between the point and another of the lines given by position has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of the segment intercepted between the point and another of the lines given by position has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the space to which the square of the segment intercepted between the point and the line found, has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ , &c. together with a given space.

## ERRATAS.

Through the EDITOR's being at a distance from the PRESS, a number of *Erratas* have occurred in printing the REPOSITORY, which the reader is desired to correct the following.

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94	6	f. BC	f. BG
95	29	THEOREM	PROP.
96	2	B	b
105	6	&c. and	&c. x being = - 1 and
	15	x being = 1	x being = - 1
107	16	x being = 1	x being = - 1
108	14	$z + 4 \cdot z + 5$	$z + 5 \cdot z + 6$
110	7	$y^{\frac{1}{2}}$	$y^{\frac{1}{2}}$
114	8	$2^{\frac{3}{2}}$	$2^{\frac{5}{2}}$
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126	13	rect. FCK	rect. ECK
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**T**HE EDITOR understands Mr. GREGORY's *New Treatise on the Sliding Rule*, and Mr. LOWRY's *New Tables on Gauging*, are both to be published by Subscription as soon as a sufficient Number are subscribed for, the EDITOR himself takes four Copies of each; those, therefore, who wish to become Encouragers of these Works, will please to signify the same to the EDITOR; who will communicate the Subscriptions to the respective Authors.

The EDITOR returns his sincere Thanks to Mr. BULMER, for his engaging to take twelve Copies of the Repository—he hopes others will follow the like Example.

He also begs leave to inform them that No. III. will be ready on the 1st of March, 1797, and all letters for its use must come to hand by the 1st of November except letters containing Demonstrations to *Lawson's*, or *Stewart's* Propositions and Answers to the Philosophical Questions proposed in this Number, which will be in time by the middle of November.





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ARTICLE XXII.

*On the Resolution of Indeterminate Problems.*

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Transactions.*

It is a fundamental principle in Algebra, that a problem admits of solution, when the number of dependent equations is equal to that of the unknown quantities. If simple expressions only occur; the answers will always be found in numbers, either whole or fractional. But if the higher functions be concerned, the values of the unknown quantities will commonly be involved in surds, which it is impossible to exhibit on any arithmetical scale, and to which we can only make a repeated approximation. Hence the origin of that branch of analysis which is employed in the investigation of these problems, where the number of unknown quantities exceed that of the proposed equations, and where the values are required in whole or fractional numbers. The subject is not merely an object of curiosity; it can be applied with advantage to the higher calculus. Yet the doctrine of indeterminate equations has been seldom treated in a form equally systematic with the other parts of algebra. The solutions commonly given are devoid of uniformity, and often require a variety of assumptions. The

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object of this paper is to resolve the complicated expressions which we obtain in the solution of indeterminate problems, into simple equations, and to do so, without framing a number of assumptions, by help of a single principle, which, though extremely simple, admits of a very extensive application.

Let  $A \times B$  be any compound quantity equal to another  $C \times D$ , and let  $m$  be any rational number assumed at pleasure; it is manifest that, taking equimultiples,  $A \times mB = C \times mD$ . If therefore, we suppose, that  $A = mD$ , it must follow, that  $mB = C$ , or  $B = C \div m$ . Thus two equations of a lower dimension are obtained. If these be capable of a farther decomposition, we may assume the multiples  $n$  and  $p$ , and form four equations still more simple. By the repeated application of this principle, an higher equation, if it admits of divisors, will be resolved into those of the first order, the number of which will be one greater than that of the multiples assumed. Hence the number of simple equations into which a compound expression can be resolved, is equal to the sum of the exponents of the unknown quantities in the highest term. Wherefore a problem can be solved by the application of this principle only, when the *aggregate sum*, formed by the addition of the exponents in the highest terms of the several equations proposed, is *at least* equal to the number of the unknown quantities, together with that of the assumed multiples.

We shall illustrate the mode of applying our principle, in the solution of some of the more general and useful problems connected with this branch of analysis.

### PROBLEM I.

Let it be required to find two rational numbers, the difference of the squares of which shall be a given number.

Let

Let the given number be the product of  $a$  and  $b$ ; then by hypothesis,  $x^2 - y^2 = ab$ ; but these compound quantities admit of an easy resolution, for  $(x + y) \cdot (x - y) = a \times b$ . If therefore we suppose  $x + y = ma$ , we shall obtain  $x - y = b \div m$ , where  $m$  is arbitrary; and if rational,  $x$  and  $y$  must also be rational. Transposing the first equation,  $x = ma - y$ , and reducing the second,  $mx - my = b$ , and transposing  $mx = b + my$ , and therefore,  $x = (b + my) \div m$ ; whence by equality  $(b + my) \div m = ma - y$ , and reducing,  $b + my = m^2 a - my$ , and transposing  $2my = m^2 a - b$ , whence  $y = (m^2 a - b) \div 2m$ ; but  $x = ma - y$ , consequently  $x = (m^2 b + a) \div 2m$ . If  $m = 1$ ; then  $x = \frac{1}{2} (b + a)$ , and  $y = \frac{1}{2} (b - a)$ .

Suppose it were required to find a number which, increased or diminished by 10, would produce squares. It is obvious that the number may be denoted, either by  $x^2 - 10$ , or  $y^2 + 10$ ; whence  $x^2 - 10 = y^2 + 10$ , and transposing  $x^2 - y^2 = 5 \times 4$ , and applying the above formulæ,  $x = (5m^2 + 4) \div 2m$ ; if  $m = 2$ , then  $x = 6$  and the required number 26.

## PROBLEM II.

To find two numbers, the sum of the squares of which shall be equal to the sum of two given squares.

By hypothesis  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2 + b^2$ , and transposing  $x^2 - a^2 = b^2 - y^2$ , and by resolving into factors,  $(x + a) \cdot (x - a) = (b + y) \cdot (b - y)$ ; whence, by substitution,  $x + a = mb - my$ , and  $x - a = (b + y) \div m$ . Transposing the first equation,  $x = mb - my - a$ ; reducing the second,  $mx - ma = b + y$ , and transposing,  $mx = ma + b + y$ , and therefore  $x = (ma + b + y) \div m$ ; whence  $(ma + b + y) \div m = mb - my - a$ , and  $ma + b + y = m^2 b - m^2 y - ma$ , and transposing  $m^2 y + y = m^2 b - 2ma$

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—  $b$ ,

—  $b$ , that is,  $y = (m^2b - 2ma - b) \div (m^2 + 1)$ .  
 But  $x = mb - my - a$ , and substituting,  
 $(m^2a + 2mb - a) \div (m^2 + 1)$ . Thus, if  $a =$   
 and  $b = 10$ , and  $m = 2$ ; then  $y = (4 \cdot 10 -$   
 $- 10) \div 5 = 2$ , and  $x = (4 \cdot 5 + 4 \cdot 10 - 5)$   
 $= 11$ ; but  $(11)^2 + (2)^2 = 125 = (10)^2 +$

*Cor.* If  $b = 0$ , we shall obtain two squares,  
 sum of which shall be a given square; for  $y =$   
 $2ma \div (m^2 + 1)$ , or  $+ 2ma \div (m^2 + 1)$ , and  
 $(m^2a - a) \div (m^2 + 1)$ . Thus, if  $a = 10$ ,  
 $m = 2$ , then  $y = 4 \cdot 10 \div 5 = 8$ , and  $x = (-$   
 $- 10) \div 5 = 6$ , but  $64 + 36 = 100$ .

### PROBLEM III.

To find two rational numbers, the square  
 which, together with any given multiple of  
 product, shall be equal to a given square.

By hypothesis,  $x^2 + y^2 + bxy = a^2$ , and t  
 posing  $x^2 + bxy = a^2 - y^2$ , and resolving  
 factors,  $x \cdot (x + by) = (a + y) \cdot (a - y)$ ; whe  
 by assumption,  $x + by = ma - my$ , and  $x = ($   
 $y) \div m$ . Transposing the first equation,  $x =$   
 $- my - by$ , consequently,  $(a + y) \div m = n$   
 $my - by$ , or  $a + y = m^2a - m^2y - mby$ , and agai  
 transposing,  $m^2y + mby + y = m^2a - a$ ; whence  
 $a \cdot (m^2 - 1) \div (m^2 + mb + 1)$ . But  $x = (a +$   
 $m$ , wherefore  $x = a \cdot (2m + b) \div (m^2 + mb -$

Suppose  $a = 22$ ,  $b = 3$ , and  $m = 2$ , then  
 $22 \cdot (4 + 3) \div (4 + 6 + 1) = 14$ , and  $y =$   
 $(4 - 1) \div (4 + 6 + 1) = 6$ . But  $196 + 3$   
 $252 = 484 = (22)^2$ .

*Cor.* If  $b = 1$ , the hypothesis will be  $x^2 +$   
 $xy = a$ ; and  $x = a \cdot (2m + 1) \div (m^2 + m -$   
 and  $y = a \cdot (m^2 - 1) \div (m^2 + m + 1)$ . Thu  
 $a = 13$ , and  $m = 3$ , then  $x = 13 \cdot (6 + 1) \div$   
 $3 + 1 = 7$ , and  $y = 13 \cdot (9 - 1) \div (9 + 3$   
 $= 8$ . But  $49 + 64 + 56 = 169 = (13)^2$ .

## PROBLEM IV.

To find two numbers, such, that each, increased by unit, shall be a square, and their sum increased by unit, a given square.

Let the numbers be denoted by  $x^2 - 1$  and  $y^2 - 1$ , and the first condition will be observed. The last requires, that  $x^2 - 1 + y^2 - 1 + 1$ , or  $x^2 + y^2 - 1 = a^2$ . By transposition,  $x^2 - 1 = a^2 - y^2$ , and by resolution,  $(x + 1) \cdot (x - 1) = (a + y) \cdot (a - y)$ ; whence  $x + 1 = ma - my$ , and  $mx - m = a + y$ . Transposing the first equation  $x = ma - my - 1$ ; and transposing the second,  $mx = a + y + m$ , and dividing,  $x = (a + y + m) \div m$ , whence  $(a + y + m) \div m = ma - my - 1$ , and reducing  $a + y + m = m^2a - m^2y - m$ , or  $m^2y + y = m^2a - 2m - a$ , and therefore  $y = (m^2a - 2m - a) \div (m^2 + 1)$ . But  $x = (a + y + m) \div m$ , whence  $x = (m^2 + 2ma - 1) \div (m^2 + 1)$ .

Suppose  $a = 8$ , and  $m = 2$ , then  $x = (4 + 32 - 1) \div (4 + 1) = 7$ , and  $y = (4 \cdot 8 - 4 - 8) \div (4 + 1) = 4$ , and the numbers are 48 and 15; but  $48 + 15 + 1 = 64 = (8)^2$ .

## ARTICLE XXIII.

Atwood's *Investigations on Watch Balances*.

(Continued from page 89.)

THE position of the centre of gyration may be always determined when the figure of the vibrating body is regular, by calculating the sum of the products which arise from multiplying each particle into the square of its distance from the axis of motion, and dividing the sum by the weight of the vibrating body; the square root of the result will be

the distance of the centre of gyration from the axis of motion. When the figure of the vibrating body is irregular, recourse may be had to experimental \* methods, in order to determine the position of the centre of gyration.

Let the radius of the balance  $CA$  or  $CO = r$ , (fig. 79.) the semi-arc  $BO = b$ ; let the spring's elastic force, acting on the circumference of the balance, when wound to any given angle  $OCD$  from the quiescent position be  $= P$ , and let the arc  $OD = a$ ; the weight of the balance, and the parts which vibrate with it  $= W$ ; the distance of the centre of gyration from the axis of motion  $CG = g$ . These notations being premised, the resistance of inertia by which the mass contained in the balance opposes the communication of motion to the circumference is  $Wg^2 \div r^2$ : and consequently the force which accelerates the circumference at the angular distance  $OCD$  from the quiescent position is  $Pr^2 \div Wg^2$ . This quantity remaining invariably the same, while the balance describes the arc of vibration  $BOE$ , may be denoted by the letter  $F$ , so that  $F = Pr^2 \div Wg^2$ ; suppose the radius  $CA$  commencing a vibration from the point  $B$  to have described the arc  $BH$ , and let  $OH = x$ ; since the force which accelerates the circumference at the angular distance from quiescence  $OD$  is  $= F$ , and the forces of acceleration are supposed to vary in the proportion of the angular distances from the quiescent point  $O$ , the force which accelerates the circumference of the balance at the point  $H$  will be  $= Fx \div a$ ; let  $u$  be the space through which a body falls freely from rest by the acceleration of gravity to acquire the velocity of the circumference, at the point  $H$ ; the principles of

\* Treatise on the Rectilinear Motion and Rotation of Bodies, page 226 and 301.

acceleration give this equation\*,  $\dot{u} = -F x \dot{x} \div a$ ; and taking the fluents while  $x$  decreases from  $b$  to  $x$ ,  $u = F \cdot (b^2 - x^2) \div 2a$ : if therefore  $l$  is made = 193 inches, being the space which bodies falling freely from rest by the force of gravity near the earth's surface describe in one second of time, the velocity of the circumference, when the extremity

\* NEWTONII Principia, vol. I. prop. XXXIX. Let a body describe the line AC by the acceleration of a force varying in any ratio of the distances from a centre C. Let another body describe the line EH by the acceleration of a constant or uniform force. Suppose the velocity at O to be equal to the velocity at D, and let OG and DF be the evanescent spaces, or increments of space in which equal velocities are generated; so that ED may represent a line through which a body must fall from rest by the acceleration of the constant or uniform force, to acquire the velocity of the other body at O. It is to be proved that the increment of space OG is to the increment of space DF, as the force of acceleration at D to the force of acceleration at O. Let the former of these forces, i. e. at D be denoted by G, and the latter force at O by H. Let  $ED = u$  and let  $AO = x$ . Also let  $DF = \dot{u}$ , and  $OG = \dot{x}$ . Because the increments of velocity are always as the forces of acceleration and the elementary times in which they act jointly, it follows, that when the increments of velocity are equal, the forces are in the inverse ratio of the elementary times in which they act, that is (the velocities of describing the evanescent spaces OG, DF being equal by the supposition), the forces are in the inverse ratio of those spaces; and consequently the force at D(G) is to the force at O(H) as OG to DF; that is, according to the preceeding notation,  $G : H :: x : \dot{u}$  or  $\dot{u} = Hx \div G$ . The constant force G being assumed equal to that of gravity, may be denoted by any constant quantity, such as unity. By substituting therefore 1 for G, the equation will become  $u = Hx$ . In this expression the lines  $u$  and  $x$  are supposed to increase together, but if  $u$  increases while  $x$  decreases, the signs of the variations  $\dot{u}$  and  $\dot{x}$  will be contrary; in which case the equation will become  $\dot{u} = -Hx$ .





A of the index CA has arrived at the point H, will be  $= \sqrt{2lF \div a} \times \sqrt{b^2 - x^2}$ . Let  $t$  represent the time in which the circumference describes the arc BH; then will  $t = \sqrt{a \div 2lF} \times -x \div \sqrt{b^2 - x^2}$ ; and  $t = \sqrt{a \div 2lF} \times$  into a circular arc, of which the cosine  $= x \div b$  to radius  $= 1$ , which is the time of describing the arc BH expressed in parts of a second; when  $x = 0$ , that is when the circumference has described the entire femiarc BO, the circular arc of which the cosine  $= x \div b$  is a quadrant of a circle to radius equal 1. Let  $p = 3.14159$ , &c. The time  $t$ , of describing the femiarc BO  $= \sqrt{a \div 2lF} \times \frac{1}{2}p = \sqrt{p^2 a \div 8lF}$ . In this expression for the time of a semivibration, the letter  $a$  denotes the length of the arc OD (fig. 79.); if this arc should be expressed by a number of degrees  $c^\circ$ ,  $a$  will then  $= prc^\circ \div 180^\circ$ ; and this quantity being substituted for  $a$ , the time of a semivibration will be  $t = \sqrt{p^2 rc^\circ \div (8lF \times 180^\circ)}$ ; if instead of  $F$ , its value  $Prl^2 \div Wg^2$  is substituted in the equation  $t = \sqrt{p^2 rc^\circ \div (8lF \times 180^\circ)}$ , the time of a semivibration will be  $t = \sqrt{Wp^2 g^2 c^\circ \div (8Prl \times 180^\circ)}$ . Let the given arc  $c^\circ$  be  $= 90^\circ$ ; in this case  $t = \sqrt{Wp^2 g^2 \div 16Prl}$ . These are expressions for the time of a semivibration, whatever may be the figure of the balance, the other conditions remaining the same as they have been above stated. If the balance should be a cylindrical plate it is known that the distance of the centre of gyration from the axis is to the radius as 1 to  $\sqrt{2}$ ; wherefore in this case  $p^2 = 1r^2$ ; and the time of a semivibration, or  $t = \sqrt{Wp^2 r \div 32Pl}$  \*. It is observable that the semi-

\* The balances of watches are usually of such a form as to place the centre of gyration nearly at the same distance from the axis, as if the figures were cylindrical plates of uniform thickness and density. If it should be required to obtain from theory the time of a  
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arc of vibration  $BO = b$ , does not enter into these expressions for the time of a semivibration; if therefore instead of the semi-arc  $BO$ , an arc of any other length  $LO$ , terminating in the point of quiescence  $O$ ,

balance's vibration precisely exact, it would be necessary to calculate rigidly the position of the centre of gyration from the dimensions of each part of the balance, and whatever vibrates with it. But in cases merely illustrative of the general theorems for ascertaining the times of vibration, it is unnecessary to enter into prolix and troublesome calculations depending on the form of any particular balance; since by assuming it as a cylindrical plate, the time of a vibration will not differ materially from that which would be the result of the correct investigation.

Being desirous of comparing the time of vibration, as deduced from the theory of motion, with the actual vibration of a watch balance, I requested Mr. *Laribaw* (the excellent performance of whose time-keepers is well known) to make the experiments from which the necessary data for this calculation are derived. These experiments were made on the balance of a watch constructed by Mr. *Kendal*, on Mr. *Harrison's* principles, and is the instrument which Captain *Cook* took out with him during his last voyage to the South Seas. The results are underneath.

Diameter of the balance - - - - -  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches

Weight of the balance, and parts which vibrate with it 42 grains

Weight applied to the circumference of the balance, which counterpoises the force of the spiral spring when the balance is wound through an angle of  $180^\circ$  48 grains

The weight which counterpoises the spring's force when the balance is wound to  $90^\circ$  from quiescence is 24 grains

These determinations give the following substitutions in the expression for the time of a semivibration  $t = \sqrt{Wp^2r \div 32Pl}$ .

Namely,  $W = 42$  grains = the weight of the balance, including the parts which vibrate with it.

$P = 24$  grains = the force at the circumference of the balance which counterpoises the force of the spring when wound to the distance  $90^\circ$ .

$r = 1.195$  inches and parts = the radius of the balance.

$l = 193$  inches = the space described in one second of time by bodies which descend freely from rest by the acceleration of gravity.

$p = 3.14159$ , &c. = the circumference of a circle of which the diameter = 1; the time of a semivibration  $t =$

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O, (fig. 79.) should be substituted in the preceding investigation, the time of describing LO would be still  $= \sqrt{ap^2 \div 8/F}$  or  $\sqrt{p^3rc^0 \div (8/F \times 180^0)}$  equal to the time of describing the other semiarc BO; consequently, whether the balance vibrates in the largest or smallest arcs, the times of vibration will be the same.

From the preceding investigations it appears, that when the force by which the circumference of the balance is accelerated at the given angular distance  $c^0$  from the quiescent position is  $= F$ , the time of a semivibration  $t = \sqrt{p^3rc^0 \div (8/F \times 180^0)}$ ; and conversely, when the time of a semivibration is  $= t$ , the force which accelerates the circumference at the given angular distance  $c^0$  from the quiescent position, that is,  $F = p^3rc^0 \div (8t^2 \times 180^0)$ .

(To be continued.)

#### ARTICLE XXIV.

#### LUCUBRATIONS IN SPHERICS.

By Mr. JOHN LOWRY.

(Continued from page 99.)

PROP. XXV. THEOREM. Fig. 87, Plate 6.

IF the base AB of any spherical triangle ABC be produced both ways, so that AD may be equal to the side AC, and BE equal to the side BC, and O be the pole of a circle described through the three points

	pts. of a second.
$\sqrt{(3 \times 571415)^3 \times 1125} \div (32 \times 24 \times 193) =$	0.0994
The balance, when adjusted to mean time, makes vibrations in a second; the actual time of a semivibration is therefore	0.1003
Difference between the actual time and the time by the calculation	0.0006.

D, C, E; then I say the great circle described through the points OC, will bisect the vertical angle ACB.

*Demon.* Draw the great circles OD, OE, DC, CE; and from O, upon the base AB, demit the perpendicular arch OP.

Because O is the pole of the circle DCE, the  $\Delta$ 's DOC, EOC, will be isocetes,

and by hyp. the  $\Delta$ 's DAC, EBC, are isocetes; therefore  $\angle ODC = \angle OCD$  and  $\angle ADC = \angle ACD$ ;

therefore  $\angle ODA = \angle OCA$ ;

in like manner  $\angle OEB = \angle OCB$ ;

but the right angled triangles OPD, OEP, having  $OD = OE$  and  $OP$  common to both, will also have  $\angle ODP (ODA) = \angle OEP (OEB)$ ;

therefore  $\angle OCA = \angle OCB$ ;

therefore the arch OQC bisects the vertical angle.

Q. E. D.

*Cor. 1.* If the base AB be bisected in I; PI will be equal to half the difference of the sides AC, BC.

*Cor. 2.* If the great circles DR, EL, be drawn to make the  $\angle ODR = \angle OEL = \frac{1}{2} \angle ACB$ , and the sides AC, CB be continued till they meet DR, EL in b, a; the triangles ACB, ADb, BEa will be similar and equal in every respect.

*Cor. 3.* The circle described about the centre O, to touch the great circle AB, will also touch the great circles CAb, CBa, DbR, EaL.

*Cor. 4.* If PG, PH be each taken equal to AB, and the perpendicular arches GM, HN be drawn to meet DO, EO in M, N; M, N will be the centres, and (the equal arches) MG, HN the radii of the circles inscribed in the triangles ADb, BEa.

*Cor. 5.* At I erect the perpendicular arch IS, to meet the great circle OQC in S; from S, O, demit upon CAb the perpendicular arches SK, OT; TK will be equal to half the base AB.

*PROP.*

## PROP. XXVI. PROBLEM.

Given the angle which the arch bisecting the vertical angle makes with the base, and the sum of each side and its adjacent segment of the base made by the said bisecting arch, to construct the triangle.

*Conf.* Let the great circles DABE, OQC, (fig. 87.) intersect each other in the given angle at Q; lay off QD, QE, equal to the given sums respectively; bisect DE in P; let the arch PO. perpendicular to DE, meet the great circle OQC in O; with the centre O, and distance OD or OE, describe the lesser circle DCE, cutting the great circle OQC in C; join DC, EC; draw AC, BC, to make the angle DCA equal to the angle ADC, and the angle ECB equal to the angle BEC; ACB will be the triangle required. The *demonstration* is evident from the last proposition.

*Remark.* By help of the last proposition the following *Problems* (as well as a great many others equally curious) may be easily constructed.

1. Given the vertical angle, perimeter and either the perpendicular or the arch bisecting the vertical angle.

2. Given the base, perpendicular and area.

3. Given the vertical angle and the sum of each side and its adjacent segment of the base, made by the arch bisecting the said angle.

4. Given the angle which the arch bisecting the vertical angle makes with the base, the sum of the difference of the sides and difference of the segments of the base made by the said arch, and either the vertical angle, the arch bisecting the vertical angle, the perpendicular, the perimeter, the difference of the angles at the vertex made by the perpendicular, or the radius of the inscribed circle.

PROP.

## PROP. XXVII. THEOREM.

From two given points on the same side of a great circle, two arches be drawn to meet and make equal angles with the said great circle; the sum of the arches so drawn will be less than the sum of any other two arches drawn from the same two points to meet on the said great circle. Let A, B, (fig. 88.) be the two given points, EDQ the given great circle, D the point where the arches AD, BD make the equal angles with EDQ; perpendicular to EDQ draw the line EC to meet BD produced in C; draw the line AQ, BQ, CQ to any other point Q in the great circle.

In the right angled triangles ECD, EAD,  $\angle EDC (= \angle BDQ) = \angle ADE$ , and ED being common,

the triangles will be equal in every respect;  $AE = EC$  and  $AD = DC$ ; in like manner  $AQ = CQ$ .

Trig. III. 13, CB is less than  $BQ + CQ$ :  $CB = AD + DB$ , and  $BQ + CQ = AQ + BQ$ ;

$AD + BD$  is less than  $AQ + BQ$ ; the sum of the arches AD, BD is less than the sum of any other two arches AQ, BQ drawn from the same two points to meet on the great circle.

Q. E. D.

If the lesser circle HDI, touch the great circle EDQ in D, and fall on the contrary side of the great circle from the points A, B, and the arches AI, BI be any other point I in the lesser circle; the sum of AD, DB is less than the sum of

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For, let BI cut the great circle EDQ in O;  
 then  $AI + QI$  is greater than  $AQ$ ;  
 therefore  $AI + QI + BQ$  is greater than  $AQ + BQ$ ;  
 that is  $AI + BI$  is greater than  $AQ + BQ$ ;  
 by this prop.  $AD + BD$  is less than  $AQ + BQ$ ;  
 consequently  $AD + BD$  is less than  $AI + BI$ .

*PROP. XXVIII. THEOREM.*

If from three given points on the surface of the sphere, arches be drawn to a fourth point, such that their sum may be the least possible; I say, the position of that point must be such, that all the angles formed about it by those arches shall be equal among themselves.

*Demon.* Let A, B, C, (fig. 89.) be the three given points, and Q any other point where the angles AQC, BQC are unequal; about the pole C with the distance CQ, describe the lesser circle IDQH, and let D be that point in it where the angles ADC, BDC are equal; then I say the sum of AD, BD, CD is less than the sum of AQ, BQ, CQ.

For, the great circle EDF being described to touch the lesser one at D, the angles ADE, BDF will be equal;

therefore by prop. XXVII.  $AD + DB$  is less than  $AQ + BQ$ ;  
 therefore  $AD + BD + CD$  is less than  $AQ + BQ + CQ$ ;  
 therefore no point (Q) at which the angles are unequal can be the required one.

*Q. E. D.*

*Cor.* If the arches AD, BD, CD be produced till they meet on the opposite side of the sphere, they will make equal angles with each other at the point, and their sum will be the greatest possible

*PROP*

**PROP. XXIX. THEOREM.** *Fig. 90, Plate 6.*

Of all spherical triangles  $ABC$ ,  $ABQ$  having the same base, and the sum of their other sides the same, the isocles one  $ACB$  is the greatest.

*Demon.* Let  $CPI$ , be drawn perpendicular to the base  $AB$ ; let a lesser circle  $QDR$  be drawn through  $Q$  perpendicular to  $CDPI$ , meeting it in  $D$ , and one ( $APB$ ) equal and parallel thereto drawn through the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ; join  $AD$ ,  $BD$ .

By prop. XXVII. *Cor.*  $AD + BD$  is less than  $AQ + BQ$ ; therefore  $AD + BD$  is less than  $AC + BC$ ;

therefore the  $\triangle ADB$  is less than the  $\triangle ACB$ ;

but the  $\triangle ADB =$  the  $\triangle ABQ$ ,

for they are upon the same base, and between the same equal and parallel circles;

therefore the  $\triangle ABQ$  is less than the  $\triangle ACB$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*Cor. 1.* Of all spherical figures contained under the same perimeter, and number of sides, the greatest is when the sides are all equal.

*Cor. 2.* Of all spherical triangles having the same perimeter, the equilateral one is the greatest.

## ARTICLE XXV.

*Landen on the Ellipsis and Hyperbola.*

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6. **T**HE whole fluent of  $\frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + z}$   
 $\frac{fz - z^2}{fz - z^2}$ , generated while  $z$  from 0 becomes  
 $= m$ , being equal to  $L$ ; and the fluent of the same  
 fluxion (supposing it to begin when  $z$  begins) being  
 in general equal to  $L + AD - DP = FR - AF$   
 $- dt$ ; it appears that  $k$  being the value of  $z$  cor-  
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responding to the fluent  $L + AD - DP$ ,  $(mn^2 - n^2 k) \div (n^2 + mk)$  will be the value of  $z$  corresponding to the fluent  $L + AF - FR$ , and  $FR - AE$  will be the part generated whilst  $z$  from  $(mn^2 - n^2 k) \div (n^2 + mk)$  becomes  $= m$ . It follows, therefore, that the *tangent*  $dt$ , together with the fluent of  $\frac{1}{2} m$

$\frac{1}{2} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$  generated whilst  $z$  from 0 becomes equal to any quantity  $k$  is equal to the fluent of the same fluxion generated whilst  $z$  from  $(mn^2 - n^2 k) \div (n^2 + mk)$  becomes  $= m$ ;  $cp$  being taken  $= n \sqrt{k \div m}$ .

Suppose  $k = (m^2 - n^2) \div (n^2 + mk)$ ; its value will then be  $n \cdot (m^2 + n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \div m - n^2 \div m$ .

Consequently the fluent of  $\frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$  generated whilst  $z$  from 0 becomes  $= n \cdot (m^2 + n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \div m - n^2 \div m$ , together with the quantity  $\sqrt{m^2 + n^2} - n$ , is equal to the fluent of the same fluxion generated whilst  $z$  from  $n \cdot (m^2 + n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \div m - n^2 \div m$  becomes  $= m$ : and these two parts of the whole fluent being denoted by  $M$  and  $N$  respectively,  $M$  will be  $= n - AE$ , and  $N = \sqrt{m^2 + n^2} - AE$ .

7. The fluent of  $\frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$  being  $= L + AD - DP$ , the fluent of  $\frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2} + DP - AD - L$  will be  $= 0$ . Therefore, the fluent of  $\frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$  + the fluent of  $\frac{1}{2} m^{-\frac{1}{2}} n^2 z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$  being  $=$  the fluent of  $\frac{1}{2} z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \sqrt{(n^2 + mz) \div (m - z)}$ , it is obvious that the fluent of  $\frac{1}{2} m^{-\frac{1}{2}} n^2 z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$  is  $= DP - AD - L$  + the fluent of  $\frac{1}{2} z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \sqrt{(n^2 + mz) \div (m - z)} = DP -$

AD — L + the *elliptic arc* dg (Fig. 35, Plate 2.) whose abscissa cp is  $= n \sqrt{z \div m}$ . Consequently, putting E for  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the periphery of that ellipsis, it appears that the *whole fluent* of  $\frac{1}{2} m^{-\frac{1}{2}} n^2 z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$ , generated whilst  $z$  from 0 becomes  $= m$ , is equal to E — L  $= E + 2 AE - n - \sqrt{m^2 + n^2}$ .

8. By taking, in Art. 3.  $q, r$ , and  $s$ , each  $= \frac{1}{2}$ ; and  $a = -d = n^2 \div m, b = 1$ , and  $c = n^2$ ; we find, that, if  $y$  be  $= (mn^2 - n^2 z) \div (n^2 + mz), z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2} + y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fy - y^2}$  will be  $= 0$ .

It is obvious therefore, that the fluent of  $z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$ , generated whilst  $z$  from 0 becomes equal to any quantity  $k$ , is equal to the fluent of the same fluxion, generated whilst  $z$  from  $(mn^2 - n^2 k) \div (n^2 + mk)$  becomes  $= m$ .

Now, supposing  $k = (mn^2 - n^2 k) \div (n^2 + mk)$ , its value will be  $n \cdot (m^2 + n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \div m - n^2 \div m$ . Consequently the fluent of  $z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$ , generated whilst  $z$  from 0 becomes  $= n \cdot (m^2 + n^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \div m - n^2 \div m$ , is equal to *half* the fluent of the same fluxion, generated whilst  $z$  from 0 becomes  $= m$ ; which *half fluent* is known by the preceding article.

9. It appears by Article 4. that  $\frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fy - y^2} + \frac{1}{2} m^{\frac{1}{2}} z^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$  is  $= -$  the *fluxion of the tangent* dt; and it appears by the last article, that  $\frac{1}{2} m^{-\frac{1}{2}} n^2 y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fy - y^2}$

$\sqrt{n^2 + 2fy - y^2} + \frac{1}{2}m^{-\frac{1}{2}}n^2 z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \div \sqrt{n^2 + 2fz - z^2}$  is  $= 0$ ;  $mn^2 - n^2y - n^2z - myz$  being  $= 0$ . Therefore, by addition, we have  $\frac{1}{2}y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \sqrt{(n^2 + my)} \div (m - y)$

$+ \frac{1}{2}z^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{z} \sqrt{(n^2 + mz)} \div (m - z) = -$  the *fluxion of the tangent*  $dt$ . Consequently, by taking the correct fluents, we find the *tangent*  $dt$  ( $=$  the *tangent*  $fw$ )  $=$  the *arc*  $ad$  — the *arc*  $fg$ ! the abscissa  $cp$  being  $= n\sqrt{z \div m}$ , the abscissa  $cr$   $= n\sqrt{y \div m}$ , and their relation expressed by the equation  $n^6 - n^4 u^2 - n^4 v^2 - m^2 u^2 v^2 = 0$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  being put for  $n\sqrt{z \div m}$  and  $n\sqrt{y \div m}$  respectively. Moreover the tangents  $dt$ ,  $fw$ , will each be  $= m^2 uv \div n^3$ , and  $ct \times cw = cv^2 = ac \times cg$ .

If for the semi-transverse axis  $cg$  we substitute  $h$  instead of  $\sqrt{m^2 + n^2}$ , the relation of  $u$  to  $v$  will be expressed by the equation  $n^6 - n^4 u^2 - n^4 v^2 - (h^2 - n^2) \cdot u^2 v^2 = 0$ , and  $dt$  ( $= fw$ ) will be  $= (h^2 - n^2) \cdot uv \div n^3$ .

If  $u$  and  $v$  be respectively put for  $fr$  and  $dp$ , their relation will be expressed by the equation  $h^6 - h^4 u^2 - h^4 v^2 + (h^2 - n^2) \cdot u^2 v^2 = 0$ , and  $dt$  ( $= fw$ ) will be  $= (h^2 - n^2) \cdot uv \div h^3$ .

10. Suppose  $y$  equal to  $z$ ; (that is,  $v = u$ ;) and that the points  $d$  and  $f$  coincide in  $e$ , in which case the tangent  $dt$  will be a *maximum*, and  $= cg - ac$ . It appears then that the *arc*  $ae$  — the *arc*  $eg$  is  $= cg - ac$ . Consequently, putting  $E$  for the quadrantal arc  $ag$ , we find that

$$\text{the arc } ae \text{ is } = \frac{E + h - n}{2}$$

$$\text{the arc } eg = \frac{E - h + n}{2}$$

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There are, I am aware, some other parts of the arc  $ag$  whose lengths may be assigned by means of the whole length ( $ag$ ) with right lines; but to investigate such other parts is not to my present purpose.

11. Taking  $m$  and  $n$  each  $= 1$ ; that is  $ac (= AC) = 1$ , and  $cg = \sqrt{2}$ ; let the arc  $ag$  be then expressed by  $c$ : put  $c$  for *one fourth* of the periphery of the circle whose radius is 1; and let the *whole*

*fluents* of  $\frac{1}{2}z^{\frac{1}{2}}z \div \sqrt{1-z^2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}z^{-\frac{1}{2}}z \div \sqrt{1-z^2}$ , generated whilst  $z$  from 0 becomes  $= 1$ , be denoted by  $F$  and  $G$  respectively. Then, by what is said above,  $F + G = c$ ; and, by part X. of my *Mathematical Lucubrations*, it appears that  $F \times G$  is  $= \frac{1}{2}c$ . From which equations we find  $F = \frac{1}{2}c - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{c^2 - 2c}$ , and  $G = \frac{1}{2}c + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{c^2 - 2c}$ .

But  $m$  and  $n$  being each  $= 1$ ,  $L$  is  $= F$ ; therefore  $1 + \sqrt{2} - 2AE$ , the value of  $L$  from Art. 5. is, in this case,  $= \frac{1}{2}c - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{c^2 - 2c}$ . Consequently, in the equilateral hyperbola, the arc  $AE$ , whose abscissa  $BC$  is  $= \sqrt{1 + (1 \div \sqrt{2})}$ , will be  $= \frac{1}{2} + 1 \div \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{2}c + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{c^2 - 2c}$ , by what is said in the article last mentioned. Hence the *rectification* of *that arc may* be effected by means of the *circle* and *ellipsis*!

## ARTICLE XXVI.

*Tables of Theorems, for the calculation of Fluents, from Landen's Memoirs, communicated by Mr. William Burdon.*

## TABLE III.

(Continued from page 114.)

## XLII.

$$\frac{-\frac{1}{2}y}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$= K + \frac{2}{a^2} \cdot (de + DP - AD - L).$$

$$x = \frac{a\sqrt{y^2 - a^2}}{y}.$$

THEOREM XLIII.

The fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}}y}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from

$a$  becomes equal to  $\sqrt{(1 \div \sqrt{2}) + \frac{1}{2}} \times a$ , is  $= \frac{M}{a^2}$ .

**THEOREM**

**THEOREM XLIV.**

The whole fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is  $= \frac{2M}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ .

**THEOREM XLV.**

$$\dot{E} = \frac{\dot{y}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$F = K + \frac{4}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot (ac + c^H - E^m)$$

$$= K + \frac{2}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot (ac + AD - DP).$$

$$x = a^2 \div \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}.$$

**THEOREM XLVI.**

The fluent of  $\frac{\dot{y}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from  $\phi$

becomes equal to  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} \times a$ , is  $= \frac{M}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ .

**THEOREM XLVII.**

The whole fluent of  $\frac{\dot{y}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is  $= \frac{2M}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ .

**THEOREM**

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*(Continued from page 114.)*

## THEOREM XLII.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$F = K + \frac{4}{a^2} \cdot (dc - c'e'')$$

$$= K + \frac{2}{a^2} \cdot (dc + DP - AD -$$

$$x = \frac{a\sqrt{y^2 - a^2}}{y}$$

## THEOREM XLIII.

The fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ , generated whilst

$a$  becomes equal to  $\sqrt{(1 \div \sqrt{2}) + \frac{1}{2}} \times a$ , is

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**THEOREM XLIV.**

The whole fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y}}{(y^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is  $= \frac{2M}{a^2}$ .

**THEOREM XLV.**

$$\dot{F} = \frac{\dot{f}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$F = K + \frac{4}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}} (ae + e'e'' - E''')$$

$$= K + \frac{2}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}} (ae + AD - DP).$$

$$x = a^2 \div \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}.$$

**THEOREM XLVI.**

The fluent of  $\frac{\dot{y}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from  $e$

becomes equal to  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2} \times a$ , is  $= \frac{M}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ .

**THEOREM XLVII.**

The whole fluent of  $\frac{\dot{y}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is  $= \frac{2M}{a^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ .

**THEOREM**



## THEOREM XLVIII.

$$\dot{F} = \frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$F = K + \frac{4}{a^2}, (dc - c'c'')$$

$$= K + \frac{2}{a^2} (dc + DP - AD - L).$$

$$n = ay \div \sqrt{a^2 + y^2}.$$

## THEOREM XLIX.

The fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ , generated whilst  $y$  from  $o$

become equal to  $\sqrt{(1 \div \sqrt{2}) - \frac{1}{2}} \times a$ , is  $= \frac{M}{a^2}$ .

## THEOREM L.

The whole fluent of  $\frac{y^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(a^2 + y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$  is  $= \frac{2M}{a^2}$ .

SCHEME

## SCHEME for TABLE III.

$$d \begin{cases} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ of the periphery of a circle whose radius is } 1. \\ = 1.57079632. \end{cases}$$

and (fig. 26, plate 1.) is a quadrantal arc of an ellipsis =  $E'$

Semi-transverse axis  $cd = a \sqrt{2}$ .

Semi-conjugate axis  $ac = a$ .

Abscissa  $cb = 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{a^2 - ax}$ .

Ordinate  $be = \sqrt{ax}$ .

$$e \begin{cases} = \text{the value of } E' \text{ when } a \text{ is } = 1. \\ = 1.91009889. \end{cases}$$

and (fig. 27, pl. 1.) is a quadrantal arc of another ellipsis =  $E'$

Semi-transverse axis  $cd = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot a$ .

Semi-conjugate axis  $ac = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot a$ .

$e'p'$  and its equal  $e''p''$  (each  $= \sqrt{a^2 - ax}$ ) are tangents, to which  $cp'$ ,  $cp''$  are perpendiculars.

The abscissa  $cb'$ , or  $cb''$ , corresponding to the or-

dinate  $be'$  or  $be''$ , is  $= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times a^{\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{2^{\frac{1}{2}}a + a - x + \sqrt{ax + x^2}}$ .

$$f \begin{cases} = \text{the value of } E'' \text{ when } a \text{ is } = 1. \\ = 1.2545845059. \end{cases}$$

AD (fig. 28, pl. 1.) is an equilateral hyperbola, whose vertex is A and centre C.

DP is a tangent, to which CP is perpendicular.

$$AC=a, CP=\sqrt{ax}, DP=\sqrt{a \div x} \times \sqrt{a^2-x^2}.$$

Abcissa CAB (corresponding to the ordinate BD)

$$= a \sqrt{(a+x) \div 2x}.$$

L, the limit of  $DP-AD$ , is  $= 2E''-E' = a \cdot (2f-e)$

$$= \frac{1}{2}a \cdot (e - \sqrt{e^2-2d}) = 5990701173 \times a.$$

$$M = 2(E'-E'') = 2a \cdot (e-f) = \frac{1}{2}a \cdot (e + \sqrt{e^2-2d})$$

$$= 1.3110287771 \times a.$$

Note. All the Theorems in Table III. refer to this Scheme.

## ARTICLE XXVII.

*Of finding the Sums of certain Series by Mr. Stirling's differential method, by Mr. J. Mabbot, Manchester.*

(Continued from page 109.)

18. **R**EQUIRED the sum of  $z$  terms of the series  
 $1^3 \cdot 1^2 + 2^3 \cdot 3^2 + 3^3 \cdot 5^2 + 4^3 \cdot 7^2 + \&c.$

Here  $T = z^3 \cdot (1 + 4z^2 - 4z) = z^3 + 4z^5 - 4z^4$   
 $= z + 35z^2 \cdot z - 1 + 77z^2 \cdot z - 1 \cdot z - 2 + 36z^2 \cdot z - 1 \cdot z - 2$   
 $\cdot z - 3 + 4z^2 \cdot z - 1 \cdot z - 2 \cdot z - 3 \cdot z - 4$ , the values of  $z$   
 being 1, 2, 3, &c.

$$\text{and } S = z + 1 \times \left( \frac{8z - 13z^2 - 37z^3 + 32z^4 + 40z^5}{60} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} z^6 + \frac{6}{5} z^5 - \frac{1}{12} z^4 - \frac{5}{6} z^3 - \frac{1}{12} z^2 + \frac{2}{15} z.$$

19. Required the sum of  $z$  terms of the series  
 $1 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3^3 + 3 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 5^3 + 5 \cdot 6^2 \cdot 7^3 + \&c.$  Here  $T$   
 $= (2z-1) \cdot (2z)^2 \cdot (2z+1)^3 = 64z^6 + 64z^5 - 16z^3 - 4z^2$   
 $= 108z + 289 \cdot 2z - 1 + 7344z \cdot z - 1 \cdot z - 2 + 4800z$   
 $\cdot z - 1 \cdot z - 2 \cdot z - 3 + 1024z \cdot z - 1 \cdot z - 2 \cdot z - 3 \cdot z - 4 +$   
 $64z \cdot z - 1 \cdot z - 2 \cdot z - 3 \cdot z - 4 \cdot z - 5,$

the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, 4, &c.

$$\text{and } S = z+1 \times \left( \frac{192z^6 + 704z^5 + 640z^4 - 164z^3 - 256z^2 + 18z}{21} \right)$$

$$= \frac{64}{7}z^7 + \frac{128}{3}z^6 + 64z^5 + \frac{68}{3}z^4 - 20z^3 - \frac{34}{3}z^2 + \frac{6}{7}z.$$

20. Required the sum of any number of terms ( $z$ )  
of the series  $1 \cdot 2^2 + 2 \cdot 3^2 + 3 \cdot 4^2 + 4 \cdot 5^2 + \&c.$

Here  $T = z \cdot (z+1)^2 = 4z + 5z \cdot z - 1 + z \cdot z - 1 \cdot z - 2,$   
the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, 4, &c.

$$\text{and } S = z+1 \times \left( 2z + \frac{5}{3}z \cdot z - 1 + \frac{1}{4}z \cdot z - 1 \cdot z - 2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}z^4 + \frac{7}{6}z^3 + \frac{7}{4}z^2 + \frac{5}{6}z.$$

21. Required the sum of the infinite series ?

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} + \&c.$$

Here  $T = \frac{1}{z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3}$ ; the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c.

$$\text{and } S = \frac{1}{3z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} = \frac{1}{72}, \text{ when } z \text{ is taken } = 1.$$

22. Suppose, the series to be summed be

$$\frac{3}{4 \cdot 10 \cdot 12} + \frac{4}{5 \cdot 12 \cdot 14} + \frac{5}{6 \cdot 14 \cdot 16} + \&c.$$

S

Here

$$\text{Here } T = \frac{z}{z+1 \cdot 2z+4 \cdot 2z+6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4z \cdot z+1} - \frac{5}{4z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2} + \frac{9}{4z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3},$$

the values of  $z$  being 3, 4, 5, &c.

$$\text{and } S = \frac{1}{4z} - \frac{5}{8z \cdot z+1} + \frac{3}{4z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2}$$

$$= \frac{2z^2+z}{8z^2z+1 \cdot z+2} = \frac{2z+1}{8 \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2} = \frac{7}{160}, \text{ when } z \text{ is taken } = 3.$$

23. The series to be summed being

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot 4} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 6} + \frac{1}{6 \cdot 8} + \frac{1}{8 \cdot 10} + \&c.$$

$$\text{Here } T = \frac{1}{2z \cdot 2z+2} = \frac{1}{4z \cdot z+1}; \text{ the values of } z \text{ being } 1, 2, 3, \&c.$$

$$\text{and } S = \frac{1}{4z} = \frac{1}{4}, \text{ when } z \text{ is taken } = 1.$$

24. What is the sum of the series ?

$$\frac{6}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} + \frac{6}{4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8} + \frac{6}{6 \cdot 8 \cdot 10} + \&c.$$

$$\text{Here } T = \frac{6}{2z \cdot 2z+2 \cdot 2z+4} = \frac{6}{8z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2},$$

the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c.

$$\text{and } S = \frac{6}{16z \cdot z+1} = \frac{6}{32} = \frac{3}{16}, \text{ when } z \text{ is taken } = 1.$$

25. Find the sum of the series

$$\frac{2}{4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8} + \frac{4}{6 \cdot 8 \cdot 10} + \frac{6}{8 \cdot 10 \cdot 12} + \&c.$$

$$\text{Here } T = \frac{2z}{2z+2 \cdot 2z+4 \cdot 2z+6} = \frac{2z}{6 \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3}$$

=

$$= \frac{1}{4z \cdot z + 1} - \frac{5}{4z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} + \frac{9}{4z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3};$$

the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c. and  $S =$

$$\frac{1}{4z} - \frac{5}{8z \cdot z + 1} + \frac{9}{4z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} = \frac{2z+1}{8z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2} = \frac{1}{16}, \text{ when } z = 1.$$

26. Let the series to be summed be

$$\frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} + \frac{4}{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} + \frac{9}{4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7} + \&c.$$

$$\text{Here } T = \frac{z^2}{z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4} = \frac{1}{z \cdot z+1} - \frac{9}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2},$$

$$+ \frac{37}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3} - \frac{64}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4};$$

the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c. and  $S =$

$$\frac{1}{z} - \frac{9}{2z \cdot z+1} + \frac{37}{3z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2} - \frac{64}{4z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3}$$

$$= \frac{6z^2+9z+5}{6z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3} = \frac{5}{36} \text{ when } z \text{ is taken } = 1.$$

27. Let the series proposed be

$$\frac{1}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7} + \frac{2}{4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8} + \frac{3}{5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9} + \frac{4}{6 \cdot 8 \cdot 10} + \&c.$$

$$\text{Here } T = \frac{z}{z+2 \cdot z+4 \cdot z+6} = \frac{1}{z \cdot z+1} - \frac{11}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2}$$

$$+ \frac{66}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3} - \frac{246}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4}$$

$$+ \frac{540}{z \cdot z+1 \dots \dots \dots z+5} - \frac{540}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \dots \dots \dots z+6}$$

the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c. and  $S =$

$$\frac{1}{z} - \frac{11}{2z \cdot z+1} + \frac{22}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2} - \frac{123}{2z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+1 \cdot z+3}$$

$$+ \frac{108}{z \cdot z+1 \dots \dots \dots z+4} - \frac{90}{z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \dots \dots \dots z+5}$$

$$= \frac{2z^3+19z^2+60z^3+74z^2+31z}{2z \cdot z+1 \cdot z+2 \cdot z+3 \cdot z+4 \cdot z+5} = \frac{186}{1440} = \frac{31}{240}, \text{ when } z = 1.$$

## ARTICLE XXVIII.

## GENERAL PROBLEMS.

BY MR. JOHN LOWRY.

*PROBLEM I. Fig. 101, 102, 103, 104. Plate 7, 8.*

LET there be any number  $m$  of given points  $A, B, C, \&c.$  and let  $P$  be any other given point; through  $P$  it is required to draw a right line, such that the sum of the perpendiculars  $AX, BY, CZ, \&c.$  falling thereon from the given points  $A, B, C, \&c.$  may be equal to a given magnitude  $S$ .

*First.* Let  $m = 2$ .

*Case I.* When the given points are on the same side of the required line (fig. 101).

## ANALYSIS.

Suppose the problem solved, and that  $PXY$  is really the line to be drawn.

Join  $AB$  and bisect it in  $b$ ; draw  $bP$  and on it produced take  $PV$  equal to twice  $bP$ , and demit the perpendiculars  $VR, bz$ .

By hypothesis  $AX + BY = S$ ;

but  $AB$  is bisected in  $b$ ;

therefore  $AX + BY = 2bz$

wherefore  $2bz = S$ ;

now, the right angled triangles  $VRP, bzP$ ,

having  $\angle RPV = \angle bPz$  and  $VP = 2bP$ ,

will also have  $RV = 2bz$ ;

therefore  $RV = S$ ,

that is,  $VR$  is equal to a given magnitude,

and  $VP$  is given in a magnitude and position;

wherefore  $PXY$  is given in position.

## SYNTHESIS.

*Conf.* Join  $AB$  and bisect it in  $b$ ; join  $bP$  and produce it till  $PV$  is equal to twice  $bP$ ; then on  $PV$  as a diameter describe a circle, and in it apply  $VR$   
equal

equal to  $S$ ; through the points  $P, R$  draw a right line and it will be that required.

*Demon.* From  $b$  demit the perpendicular  $bz$ .

By *conf.*

$$VR = S;$$

but the right angled triangles  $VRP, bzP$  are similar, having the  $\angle VPR = \angle bPz$  and  $VP = bzP$ , and therefore

$$VR = bz;$$

wherefore

$$bz = S;$$

but

$AB$  is bisected in  $b$ ;

and therefore

$$AX + BY = bz;$$

wherefore

$$AX + BY = S.$$

*Q. E. D.*

*Observation.* Since two equal right lines  $VR, Vr$  may be inscribed in the circle, it is evident that there may be two positions of the required line, except when  $VR$  coincides with  $VP$ ; and then the sum of the perpendiculars will be a *maximum*.

*Case II.* When the given points are on different sides of the required line (fig. 102).

### ANALYSIS.

Imagine the thing to be effected, and that  $PXY$  is really the line required.

Produce the perpendicular  $AX$  till  $XR$  be equal to  $BY$ ; join  $BR, BA$ .

By hypothesis

$$AX + BY = S,$$

or

$$AX + XR = S,$$

or

$$AR = S,$$

that is,  $AR$  is equal to a given magnitude:

but  $AB$  is given in magnitude and position;

therefore  $BR$  is given in position;

wherefore  $PXY$  will be given in position, because it passes through the given point  $P$  and is parallel to  $BR$ .



## SYNTHESIS.

*Conf.* Join the given points A, B, and on it as a diameter describe a circle, in which apply  $AR =$  to S and join BR; through P draw the right line PXY parallel to BR, and it will be the line required.

*The demonstration is evident from the analysis.*

*Observation.* Since two equal right lines AR, Ar may be inscribed in the circle, it is evident that there may be two positions of the required line, except when AR coincides with AB, in which case the sum of the perpendiculars will be a *maximum*.

*Second.* Suppose  $m = 3$ .

*Case III.* When the given points are all on the same side of the required line (fig. 103).

## ANALYSIS.

Conceive the thing done, and PYXZ the line required.

Find the point V as in *Case I.* and join VC; demit the perpendiculars CZ, VR; produce VR till RT is equal to CZ; join CT.

By hypothesis	$AX + BY + CZ = S;$
by <i>Case I.</i>	$AX + BY = VR;$
but	$CZ = RT;$
therefore	$VR + RT = S;$
or	$VT = S;$

that is, VT is equal to a given magnitude, and VC is given in magnitude and position; therefore CT is given in position; wherefore PYXZ, which is parallel to CT and passes through a given point P, will be given in position.

## SYNTHESIS.

*Conf.* Find the point V as in *Case I.* and join VC, upon which as a diameter describe a circle, and

and in it apply VT equal to S; join CT and parallel thereto, through P draw the right line PYXZ, and it will be that required.

*The demonstration is evident from the analysis.*

*Observation.* The sum of the perpendiculars will be a *maximum* when VT coincides with VC.

*Case IV.* When the given points are not all on the same side of the line required (fig. 104).

### ANALYSIS.

Let us conceive the thing effected, and that PXYZ is really the line sought.

Find the point V as in *Case I.* join VC and bisect it in W; draw WP and produce it till PS be equal to twice WP; drop the perpendiculars ST, VR.

By hypothesis	$AX + BY + CZ = S,$
and by <i>Case I.</i>	$AX + BY = VR;$
therefore	$CZ + VR = S;$
but	VC is bisected in W;
therefore	$CZ + VR = 2WP = ST;$
wherefore	$ST = S,$
that is, ST is equal to a given magnitude,	
and SP is given in magnitude and position;	
therefore TPXYZ is given in position.	

### SYNTHESIS.

*Conf.* Find the point V as in *Case I.* and join VC and bisect it in W; draw WP and produce it till PS be equal to twice WP; upon PS as a diameter let a circle be described, and in it apply ST equal to S: through the points T, P draw a right line, and it will be the one required.

*The*

*The demonstration of this is also evident from the analysis.*

*Observation 1.* The sum of the perpendiculars will be a *maximum* when ST coincides with PS.

*Observation 2.* By the same *simple analysis and synthesis*, the position of the required line may easily be determined, as well when the lines drawn from the given points make given angles with the required line, as when they are perpendicular thereto.

### PROBLEM II. Fig. 105, 106. Plate 8.

Let there be any number of given points A, B, C, &c. and likewise a circle given in magnitude and position; it is required to draw a right line to touch the circle, such that the sum of the perpendiculars AX, BY, CZ, &c. falling thereon from the given points A, B, C, &c. may be equal to a given line.

*Case I.* When the given points are all on the same side of the required line. (Fig. 105).

#### ANALYSIS.

Suppose the problem solved, and that XZRY touching the circle in R is really the line required to be drawn.

Let P be the centre of the given circle and join PR, which will be perpendicular to XZRY; through P, parallel to XZRY draw xzPy, meeting the perpendiculars AX, BY, CZ, &c. in x, y, z, &c.

Then, since the sum of the perpendiculars AX, BY, CZ, &c. is given, and the radius PR ( $= Xx = Yy = Zz = \&c.$ ) being also given; the sum of the perpendiculars Ax, By, Cz, &c. will be given, being equal to the difference between the sum of the perpendiculars AX, BY, CZ, &c. and the multiple by the number of the given points A, B, C, &c. of the radius of the given circle: therefore the problem is  
reduced

reduced to the same as the last, *viz.* to draw a right line through the given point P, such that the sum of the perpendiculars Ax, By, Cz, &c. falling thereon from the given points A, B, C, &c. may be equal to a given line.

*Observation.* The *maximum* or *limits* is also easily determined, as in the last problem.

*Case II.* When the given points are not all on the same side of the line required. (fig. 106).

### ANALYSIS.

By arguments similar to those used in the preceding case, it appears that the sum of the perpendiculars Ax, By, Cz, &c. is equal to a given quantity, being equal to the sum of the perpendiculars AX, BY, CZ, &c. made less by the multiple of the radius of the given circle, by the difference of the numbers of the given points on the respective sides of the required line; therefore the problem in this case is also reduced to the same as the last problem; whence the *construction* and *limits* are easily determined, and that not only when the lines drawn from the given points are perpendicular to, but also when they make any given angle with the required line.

(To be continued.)

## ARTICLE XXIX.

*Demonstrations to Lawson's Propositions proposed in ARTICLE XVIII. and likewise Demonstrations to Propositions III. and IV. which were proposed in No. I.*

We may also observe in this place that questions 1st and 2nd of this Work, are Propositions I. and II. of Lawson's Collection.

*PROP. III. (quest. 17).*

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.*

*ANALYSIS. Fig. 107, 108. Plate 8.*

SINCE  
by alternation  
but  
and  
wherefore  
therefore  
wherefore

GD : DF :: GH : HF;  
GD : GH :: DF : HF;  
DG : GH :: DC : AH,  
DF : FH :: BD : AH;  
DC : AH :: BD : AH;  
DC = BD;  
BC is bisected in D.

*Q. Q. V.*

*SYNTHESIS.*

Because  
we have  
therefore  
but  
and  
wherefore  
and by alternation

BC is bisected in D,  
DC = CB;  
DC : AH :: BD : AH;  
DC : AH :: DG : GH;  
BD : AH :: DF : FH,  
DG : GH :: DF : FH,  
DG : DF :: GH : FH.

*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Lowry, Solihull.*

By sim.  $\Delta$ 's  
and  
hence, by equality

DC : GD :: AH : GH,  
DF : BD :: FH : AH;  
DG : DF :: GH : FH.

*Q. E. D.*

The

The converse of this is also true.

Let there be a triangle ABC, and through the vertex A a line AE drawn parallel to the base BC, and any line drawn through a point D in BC, to meet AB, AC, AE in F, G, H, such that  $GD : BF :: GH : HF$ ; then I say BC is bisected in D.

By hypothesis	$GD : DF :: GH : HF,$
and by sim. $\Delta$ 's	$DC : GD :: AH : GH;$
therefore by equality	$DF : CD :: HF : AH.$
Again, by sim. $\Delta$ 's	$DF : BD :: HF : AH;$
hence, by equality	$DC : BD :: AH : AH;$
therefore	$DC = BD.$

Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. I. H. Swale, Leeds.*

Join BG and let it meet AE in I.

By sim. $\Delta$ 's we have	$BF : FA :: FD : FH,$
and	$BF : FA :: BD : AH;$
therefore	$BD : AH :: FD : FH;$
but	$BD : HI :: GD : GH;$
therefore	$GD : GH :: FD : FH;$
or	$GD : DF :: GH : HF.$

Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Campbell, Kendal.*

By sim. $\Delta$ 's	$BD : FD :: AH : HF,$
and	$DC \text{ or } BD : DG :: AH : GH;$
wherefore	$DG : FD :: GH : HF.$

Q. E. D.

#### PROP. IV.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.*

*ANALYSIS, Fig. 109, 110. Plate 8.*

Draw CG perpendicular to AC meeting EF in G;  
and draw EH, FK perpendiculars to AB meeting it in  
H,

H, K, also let EL, FM be drawn parallel to **DC** meeting CG in L, M.

By hypothesis  $EC : CF :: ED : DF$ ;  
 but  $ED : DF :: EH : FK$ ;  
 therefore  $EC : CF :: EH : FK$ ;  
 but CHE, CKF are right-angles;  
 therefore the  $\Delta$ 's CHE, CKF are equi-angular,  
 wherefore  $CH : CK :: EH : FK$ ;  
 but  $CH : CK :: EL : FM :: EG : GF$ ,  
 and  $EH : FK :: ED : DF$ ;  
 therefore  $EG : GF :: ED : DF$ ,  
 which is true by the second proposition.

### SYNTHESIS.

By Prop. II:  $EG : GF :: ED : DF$ ;  
 but  $EG : GF :: EL : FM :: HC : CK$ ,  
 and  $ED : DF :: EH : FK$ ;  
 therefore  $CH : CK :: EH : FK$ ;  
 therefore the  $\Delta$ 's CHE, CKF are equi-angular,  
 wherefore  $EC : CF :: EH : FK$ ;  
 but  $EH : FK :: ED : DF$ ;  
 therefore  $EC : CF :: ED : DF$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Lowry.*

Draw CG perpendicular AB, and let it meet EF in G; through G draw RGQ parallel to AB, meeting EC, CF in R, Q.

Now, by Prop. II.  $ED : DF :: EG : GF$ ;  
 therefore by conv. Prop. III.  $GQ = GR$ ;  
 wherf. thert.  $\angle$ 'd  $\Delta$ 's RGC, QGC, are = in all respects;  
 therefore  $\angle GQC = \angle GCR$  and  $\angle GQC = \angle GRC$ ;  
 but  $\angle GQC = \angle BCF$  and  $\angle GRC = \angle DCE$ ;  
 wherefore  $\angle BCF = \angle DCE$ .

Hence

Hence, Eu. VI. 3. (in fig. 110.)  $EC : CF :: EG : GT :$   
 but  $EG : GF :: ED : DT ;$   
 therefore  $EC : CF :: ED : DF.$   
 gain, Eu. VI. 3. (in fig. 109.)  $EC : CE :: ED : DF.$   
*Q. E. D.*

The converse of this is also true.

If in AB, the diameter of a circle, a point D be taken, and DEF be drawn to meet the circle in E and F; and EC, FC, be drawn to make equal angles with the diameter; then, I say,  $AC : CB :: AD : DB.$

Let the lines be drawn as in the proposition.  
 By hypothesis  $\angle DCE = \angle BCF :$   
 it  $\angle DCE = \angle GRC$  and  $\angle BCF = \angle GQC ;$   
 therefore  $\angle GQC = \angle GRC ;$   
 therefore the rt.  $\angle$ 's  $\triangle$ 's RGC, QGC are in all respects;  
 and therefore  $GQ = GR ;$   
 therefore by Prop. III.  $ED : DF :: EG : GF ;$   
 therefore by conv. Prop. II.  $AC : CB :: AD : DB.$   
*Q. E. D.*

The same by Mr. Swale.

### ANALYSIS.

EA, being joined, will bisect the  $\angle DEC.$   
 By hypothesis  $AC : AD :: CB : BD :$   
 Eu. VI. 3.  $AC : AD :: CE : DE ;$   
 therefore  $BD : DE :: CB : CE :$   
 , by the circle  $DB : DE :: DF : DA ;$   
 therefore  $DF : DA :: CB : CE :$   
 but  $CE : CB :: CA : CF ;$   
 therefore  $CA : CF :: DA : DF,$   
 or  $CA : DA :: CF : DF.$   
*Q. E. D.*  
 SYN.



## SYNTHESIS.

By analysis       $CA : DA :: CF : DF;$   
 and                 $CA : DA :: CE : DE;$   
 therefore         $EC : CF :: DE : DF.$   
Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Campbell.*

From O, the centre of the circle, draw OE, OF, and produce FC to form the external angle ECN of the triangle CEF.

By hypothesis  $AC : CB :: AD : DB.$   
 Comp. (fig. 109.)  $AC+CB : CB :: AD+DB : DB,$   
 that is  $2CO : CB :: 2OE : DB,$   
 or  $CQ : CO+OE :: OE : DO+OE;$   
 invertendo  $CO+OE : CO :: DO+OE : OE.$   
 Again, inver. (fig. 110.)  $CB : AC :: DB : AD.$   
 convertendo  $CB : CB-AC :: DB : DB-AD$   
 that is  $CO+OE : 2CO :: DO+OE : 2OE,$   
 or  $CO+OE : CO :: DO+OE : OE.$   
 Hence, div. (fig. 109, 110.)  $OE \text{ or } OF : CO :: DO : OE \text{ or } OF;$   
 wheref. the triangles COE, DOE are equi-angular,  
 and the triangles COF, DOF are also equi-angular;  
 theref. Eu. VI. 6.  $\angle OCE = \angle DEO$  &  $\angle OCF = \angle DFO$   
 hence,  $\angle DCE = \angle OEF = \angle DFO = \angle OCF = \angle NCA;$   
 wheref. Sim. Eu. VI. Prop. A.  $EC : CF :: ED : DF.$   
Q. E. D.

## PROP. V.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.*

*ANALYSIS. Fig. 111, 112. Plate 8.*

Let FK, GL parallel to DE meet AE, in K, L,  
 and GM, FN parallel to AE meet DE in M, N;  
 and also let FG meet AE in H.

By

By hypothesis  $EF : EG :: FD : DG$ ;  
 but  $FD : DG :: FN : GM$ ;  
 therefore  $EF : EG :: FN : GM$ ;  
 and therefore the  $\Delta$ 's  $ENF, EMG$  are equi-angular,  
 therefore  $EN : EM :: FN : GM$ ;  
 but  $EN : EM :: FK : GL :: FH : HG$ ,  
 and  $FN : GM :: DF : DG$ ;  
 therefore  $FH : HG :: DF : DG$ ,  
 which is true by the third proposition.

### SYNTHESIS.

By Prop. III.  $FH : HG :: DF : DG$ ;  
 but  $FH : HG :: FK : GL :: EN : EM$ ,  
 and  $DF : DG :: FN : GM$ ;  
 therefore  $EN : EM :: FN : GM$ ;  
 wherefore the  $\Delta$ 's  $ENF, EMG$  are equi-angular;  
 therefore  $EF : EG :: FN : GM$ ;  
 but  $FN : GM :: DF : DG$ ;  
 therefore  $EF : EG :: DF : DG$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Lowry.*

By Prop. III.  $GD : DF :: GH : HF$ ;  
 but  $EH$  is parallel to  $QP$ ;  
 therefore, conv. Prop. III.  $QD = DP$ ;  
 and therefore the triangle  $QEP$  is isocles;  
 wherefore  $ED$  bisects the  $\angle FEG$  ( $QEP$ );  
 therefore Eu. VI. 3.  $EF : EG :: DF : DG$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

Join  $BG$ ; produce  $AE$  to meet  $BG, GD$  in  $I, H$ .  
 By parallels  $GD : GH :: DB (DC) : HI (HA)$ ,  
 T 2 but

and  $FD : FH :: DB : HI$ ;  
 therefore  $GD : GH :: FD : FH$ .  
*Q. Q. V.*

## SYNTHESIS.

By analysis  $GH : HF :: GD : FD$ ;  
 by reason of  $\angle$ 's  $GH : HF :: GE : EF$ ;  
 hence, by equality  $EF : EG :: FD : DG$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Campbell.*

Let FG meet AE in H; draw GMS parallel to BC, meeting FE, DE in S, M; produce FE to R making ER equal to ES, and join RG.

Then, because of the parallels EH, SG,  
 we shall have  $SE : FE :: GH : FH$ ,  
 and, by Prop. III.  $GD : DF :: GH : FH$ ;  
 therefore  $SE$  or  $ER : FE :: DG : FD$ ;  
 wherefore  $DE$  is parallel to  $GR$ ;  
 and, since  $SE = ER$ ,  $SM$  will be  $= MG$ ;  
 but  $DE$  being perpendicular to  $BC$ , is also  $\perp$  to  $SG$ ;  
 hence, it appears that the triangle  $SEG$  is isocles,  
 having its vertical angle  $SEG$  bisected by  $DE$ ;  
 wheref. Sim. Eu. VI. 3 or A.  $FE : EG :: FD : DG$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

## PROP. VI.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.*

*ANALYSIS. Fig. 113, 114. Plate 8.*

By hypothesis  $GD : DH :: GC : CH$ ;  
 but  $GC : CH :: AG : BH$ ;  
 therefore  $GD : DH :: AG : BH$ ;  
 and therefore the  $\Delta$ 's  $GAD$ ,  $BDH$  are equi-angular;  
 therefore

therefore	$GA : BH :: AD : BD ;$
but	$GA : BH :: AC : CB ;$
therefore	$AC : CB :: AD : DB .$
	<i>Q. Q. V.</i>

**SYNTHESIS.**

Because	$AC : CB :: AD : DB ,$
and	$GA : BH :: AC : CB ;$
it will be	$GA : BH :: AD : DB ;$
therefore the $\Delta$ 's GAD, BDH are equi-angular ;	
and therefore	$GD : DH :: AG : BH ;$
but	$GA : BH :: GC : CH ;$
therefore	$GD : DH :: GC : CH .$
	<i>Q. E. D.</i>

*The demonstration by Mr. Lowry is exactly the same as the Synthesis by Peletarius.*

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

**ANALYSIS.**

Let DG meet FB in I ; produce GA to meet DH in T, and draw TI which will pass through C.

Then,  $GA = AT$ ,  $IB = BH$ ,  $CG = CT$ ,  $CI = CH$ , &c.

and by parallels  $CA : CB :: CG : CH :: AD : DB$ .

*Q. Q. V.*

**SYNTHESIS.**

By analysis	$AD : DB :: CG : CH ;$
by sim. $\Delta$ 's	$AD : DB :: DG \text{ or } DT : DI \text{ or } DH ;$
therefore by equality	$DG : DH :: GC : CH .$
	<i>Q. E. D.</i>

*The same by Mr. Campbell.*

Let BF meet GD in I, and join IC,

By hypothesis  $AC : CB :: AD : DB ;$

by sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $AC : CB :: AG : BH ,$

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and

and  $AD : DB :: AG : BI$ ;  
 therefore  $AG : BH :: AG : BI$ ;  
 and therefore  $BH$  is equal to  $BI$ ,  
 wherefore, since  $HI$  is perpendicular to  $DC$ ,  
 the  $\Delta$ 's  $IHD$ ,  $IHC$  are evidently isocles;  
 therefore  $DH = DI$  and  $IC = CH$ ;  
 wherefore in fig. 113.  $DC$  bisects the  $\angle GDH$ ;  
 and in fig. 114.  $DC$  bisects the  $\angle GCI$ ;  
 theref. Eu. VI. 3 (fig. 113, 114.)  $GD : DI$  or  $DH :: GC : CI$  or  $CH$ .  
Q. E. D.

### PROP. VII.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.*

*ANALYSIS. Fig. 115, 116. Plate 8.*

Let  $K$  be the centre of the circle; join  $GK$  and  
 produce it to meet the circle in  $L$ ; join  $DL$ .  
 By hypothesis  $AC : CB :: AH : BH$ ,  
 and  $AB$  is bisected in  $K$ ;  
 theref. Prop. I. rect.  $CHK = \text{rect. } AHB = \text{rect. } GHE$ ;  
 wheref. the points  $C, E, K, G$  are in a circle;  
 therefore the  $\angle HKG = \text{the } \angle DEG = \text{the } \angle DLG$ ;  
 therefore  $DL, AK$  are parallel;  
 wherefore the  $\angle GFK = \text{the } \angle GDL$ ;  
 but the  $\angle GDL$  is a right angle;  
 therefore the  $\angle GFK$  is a right angle;  
 and therefore  $DF$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ .  
Q. Q. V.

### SYNTHESIS.

Because  $DF$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ ,  
 the  $\angle GFK$  will be a right angle;  
 but the  $\angle GDL$  is a right angle;  
 therefore  $AK, DL$  are parallel;  
 wherefore the  $\angle HKG = \text{the } \angle DLG = \text{the } \angle DEG$ ;  
therefore

therefore the points C, E, K, G are in a circle;  
 therefore  $\text{rect. CHK} = \text{rect. GHE} = \text{rect. AHB}$ ;  
 but AB is bisected in K and in it two points C,  
 H are found such, that  $\text{rect. CHK} = \text{rect. AHB}$ ;  
 therefore conv. Prop. I.  $AC : CB :: AH : HB$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*Conversely.*

### ANALYSIS.

Let K be the centre of the circle; join GK and  
 produce it to meet the circle in L; join DL and  
 let DG meet AB in F.

Since DG is perpendicular to AB,  
 the  $\angle GFK$  will be a right angle;  
 but the  $\angle GDL$  is a right angle;  
 therefore AK, DL are parallel;  
 therefore the  $\angle GKH = \text{the } \angle GLD = \text{the } \angle GED$ ;  
 wherefore the points C, E, K, G are in a circle;  
 therefore  $\text{rect. CHK} = \text{rect. EHG} = \text{rect. AHB}$ ;  
 but AB is bisected in K and in it two points C, H  
 are found such, that  $\text{rect. CHK} = \text{rect. AHB}$ ;  
 therefore conv. Prop. I.  $AC : CB :: AH : HB$ .  
*Q. Q. V.*

### SYNTHESIS.

Since  $AC : CB :: AH : HB$ ,  
 and AB is bisected in K;  
 by Prop. I.  $\text{rect. CHK} = \text{rect. AHB} = \text{rect. EHG}$ ;  
 therefore the points C, E, K, G are in a circle;  
 therefore the  $\angle GKH = \text{the } \angle GED = \text{the } \angle GLD$ ;  
 wherefore AK, DL, are parallel;  
 therefore the  $\angle GFK = \text{the } \angle GDL$ ;  
 but the  $\angle GDL$  is a right angle;  
 therefore the  $\angle GFK$  is a right angle;  
 wherefore DG will be perpendicular to AB.

*Q. E. D.*  
*The*

*The same by Mr. Lowry.*

Join DH, DC.

Then the right angled triangles GFH, DFH, having  $DF = FG$  and FH common, will also have  $\angle DHF = \angle GHF$ ; but  $\angle GHF = \angle EHB$ ; therof.  $\angle DHF = \angle EHB$ ; wherefore conv. Prop. IV.  $AC : CB :: AH : HB$ .  
Q. E. D.

*Conversely.*

By hypothesis  $AC : CB :: AH : HB$ ; therof. by my demon. to Prop. IV.  $\angle DHF = \angle EHB$  (GHF). Now, the  $\Delta$ 's GFH, DFH, having FH common, also  $DH = HG$  and  $\angle GHF = \angle DHF$ , will likewise have  $DF = FG$ ; therof. Eu. III. 3. DG will be perpendicular to AB.  
Q. E. D.

*Cor.* Produce GC to meet the circle again in Q; then if QE be joined, it will be perpendicular to AB.

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

Produce GC to meet the circle in Q.  
Because DG cuts AB at right angles;  
we shall have  $DF = FG$  and  $GC = CD$ ;  
but by Prop. IV.  $CG : CE :: GH : HE$ ;  
and  $GH : CG :: HA : AC$ ;  
therefore  $HA : AC :: HE : CE$ ,  
or  $CA : CE :: HA : HE$ .  
Q. Q. V.

### SYNTHESIS.

By analysis  $CA \cdot HE = CE \cdot HA$ ,  
and by the circle  $CA \cdot CB = CE \cdot CG$ ;  
therefore

therefore	$HA : HE :: CG : CB ;$
again, by the circle	$HA \cdot HB = HG \cdot HE ;$
or	$HA : HE :: HG : HB ;$
therefore	$CG : HG :: CB : HB ;$
but	$CG : HG :: AC : AH ;$
wherefore	$AC : CB :: AH : HB.$

*Q. E. D.*

*Conversely.*

In this case the triangles GCF, DCF; having  $GC = CD$ , the  $\angle GCF =$  the  $\angle DCF$  and FC common, will also have  $GF = FD$ ; therefore Eu. III. 3. DG will be perpendicular to AB.

*Q. E. D.**The same by Mr. Campbell.*

Draw INCM perpendicular to CB; produce DH to meet the right line INCM in I and the circle in Q; join EQ and let it meet CB in O; draw DN, MQ parallel to CB.

Then by Eu. III. 3.	DG is bisected in F ;
therefore in the triangles	DFH, GFH, we have
$DF = FG$ , $\angle DFH = \angle GFH$ and FH common ;	
wherefore	$DH = HG$ and $\angle DHF = \angle FHG ;$
therefore Sim. Eu. VI. A or 3.	$CD : CE :: DH : HE$ or $HQ ;$
but by sim. $\Delta$ 's	$CD : CE :: CF : CO,$
that is	$CD : CE :: ND : MQ,$
and	$ND : MQ :: ID : IQ ;$
therefore	$CD : CE :: ID : IQ ;$
wherefore	$DH : HQ :: ID : IQ ;$
theref. conv. Prop. II.	$AC : CB :: AH : HB.$

*Q. E. D.*

*Conversely.*

By Prop. IV.  $HD : HE :: CD : CE ;$   
 theref. Sim. Eu. VI. 3, or A. CH bisects the  $\angle DHG ;$   
 therefore



therefore Eu. III. 7 or 8.  $DH = HG$ ;  
 wherefore  $DG$  is bisected in  $F$ ;  
 therefore Eu. III. 3.  $DG$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

### PROP. VIII.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius*

*ANALYSIS. Fig. 117, 118. Plate 8.*

Draw  $DL$  parallel to  $AB$  meeting  $HE$  in  $L$ ; join  
 $DG$  and let it meet  $AB$  in  $K$ .

Since  $EC : CD :: EH : HG$ ,  
 and  $EC : CD :: EH : HL$ ;  
 therefore  $HG$  will be equal to  $HL$ ;  
 and therefore  $DK$  will be equal to  $KG$ ;  
 therefore  $DG$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ ;  
 wherefore Prop. VII.  $AC : CB :: AH : HB$ .  
*Q. Q. V.*

### SYNTHESIS.

Because  $AC : CB :: AH : HB$ ,  
 by conv. Prop. VII.  $DG$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ ;  
 therefore  $DK$  is equal to  $KG$ ;  
 therefore  $HL$  is equal to  $HG$ ;  
 wherefore  $EH : HL :: EH : HG$ ;  
 but  $EC : CD :: EH : HD$ ;  
 therefore  $EC : CD :: EH : HG$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Lowry.*

By conv. Prop. VII.  $DG$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ ,  
 and by Eu. III. 3.  $DK = KG$  and  $DH = HG$ ;  
 therefore  $CAH$  bisects the  $\angle$ 's  $DCG$ ,  $DHG$ ;  
 wheref. Eu. VI. 3.  $EC : CD(CG) :: EH : HG(DH)$ .  
*Q. E. D.*  
*The*

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

Produce GC to meet the circle in I.

It is evident that GC will be  $\equiv$  CD;

hence, by my demon. to Prop. IV.  $CA : HA :: CE : HE.$

Q. Q. V.

### SYNTHESIS.

By analysis  
but Eu. VI. 3.

therefore

or

but

therefore

$CA : HA :: CE : HE :$

$CA : HA :: CG : GH ;$

$CE : HE :: CG : GH,$

$CE : CG :: HE : GH :$

$GC \equiv CD ;$

$EC : CD :: EH : HG.$

Q. E. D.

*Mr. Campbell says "the truth of this proposition is manifest from the demonstration of the last."*

### PROP. IX.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.*

*ANALYSIS. Fig. 119, 120. Plate 8.*

Draw EH parallel to AB meeting DF in H and the circle in K; join GK and let it meet AB in L.

By hypothesis

but

therefore

wherefore

therefore

therefore

wherefore

therefore

$DC : CE :: DF : FG :$

$DC : CE :: DF : FH ;$

$DF : FG :: DF : FH ;$

FG is equal to FH ;

KL is equal to LG ;

the  $\angle GLA$  is a right-angle ;

the  $\angle GKE$  is a right-angle .

the  $\angle CDG$  is a right-angle ;

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Since	the $\angle CDG$ is a right-angle,
	the $\angle GKE$ will be a right-angle;
therefore	the $\angle GLA$ is a right-angle;
wherefore	KL is equal to LG;
therefore	GF is equal to FK;
therefore	DF : FH :: DF : FG :
but	DC : CE :: DF : FH;
wherefore	DC : CE :: DF : FG.
	Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Lowry.*

Draw GP perpendicular to DE meeting AB in I, and join EG; through the centre O draw SOQ parallel to DG.

Then, Eu. III. 14.  $PG = ED$  and  $SO = OQ$ ; therefore Eu. I. 26. the triangles CSO, OQI being equi-angular, will be equal in all respects;

therefore	CS will be equal to IQ;
but	ES is equal to QG;
therefore	CE is equal to IG;

wheref. by parallels  $CD : CE(IG) :: DF : FG$ .

Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

Join GE which will evidently pass through the centre O; through DO draw DP and join EP.

Now, the  $\Delta$ 's DEP, GDE having  $DP = GE$ ,  $\angle DGE = \angle DPE$  and  $DEP = \angle GDE$ ; will also have  $EP = DG$ ; but it is evident that  $DF = TP$ ; therefore  $FG = ET$ ; and it is also evident that DF is parallel to ET;

therefore	DC : CE :: DF : ET(FG).
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*The same by Mr. Campbell.*

From E draw EH parallel to AB meeting the circle in K and DF in H; join AD, BD, EB, BG, &c.; draw GK meeting AB in L.

By hypothesis CDF is a right angle.

Eu. III. 31. ADB is a right angle;

therefore  $\angle BDG = \angle EDA = \angle ABE = \angle BEK$ ;

therefore the arc BG = arc BK and arc AG = arc AK.

therefore the right line BG = BK and  $\angle ABG = \angle ABK$ ;

wherefore in the triangles BLG, BLK,

we have  $\angle LBG = \angle KBL$ , BG = BK and BL common;

therefore GL = LK; and therefore GF = FH;

therefore DC : CE :: DF : TH or FG.

*Q. E. D.*

### PROP. X.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.*

*ANALYSIS.* Fig. 121, 122, 123. Plate 8.

Let CG be joined meeting the circle in N; also draw NL, NH.

By hypothesis GM : ML :: GD : DH;

Prop. VIII. GD : DH :: GC : CN;

therefore GM : ML :: GC : CN;

therefore LN is parallel to CM.

again, by hypothesis AC : CB :: AD : DB :

ref. conv. Prop. VII. NH will be perpen. to AB;

therefore NH is parallel to EF;

therefore the angle HNL = the angle CFE;

but the angle HNL = the angle HGL (DGK);

therefore the angle DGK = the angle CFE.

*Q. Q. E.*

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Since the angle DGK or HGL = the angle CFE,

and the angle HGL = the angle LNH;

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therefore the angle  $\angle LNH = \angle CFE$ .  
 By hypothesis  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ ;  
 theref. conv. Prop. VII.  $NH$  will be perpendicular to  $AB$ ;  
 wherefore  $NH$  is parallel to  $EF$ ;  
 but the angle  $\angle LNH = \angle CFE$ ;  
 therefore  $LN$  is parallel to  $CM$ ;  
 wherefore  $GM : ML :: GC : CN$ ;  
 but, Prop. VIII.  $GC : CN :: GD : DH$ ;  
 therefore  $GM : ML :: GD : DH$ .  
Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Lowry.*

Draw  $HC$ ,  $GC$  meeting the circle in  $P$ ,  $N$ ; join  
 $NH$ ,  $GP$ ; also join  $NL$  meeting  $FE$  in  $R$ .  
 By Prop. VII. and Cor.  $NH$ ,  $GP$  are both perpendicular to  $AB$ ;  
 theref. (fig. 121, 123.)  $\angle LRF = \angle LNH = \angle DGK = \angle CFE$ ;  
 and (fig. 122.)  $\angle NRF = \angle LNH = \angle LGH = \angle DGK = \angle CFE$ ;  
 theref. in all the figures  $NRL$  is parallel to  $CFM$ ;  
 wherefore  $GM : ML :: GC : CN$  ( $CH$ ) ::  $GD : DH$ .  
Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

From  $H$ ,  $G$ , through  $E$  draw the diameters  $HQ$ ,  
 $GT$ ; join  $HL$ ,  $HT$ ,  $GQ$ ,  $LQ$ ,  $TQ$ ,  $TL$ ; and  
 through  $O$  (the point where  $GQ$  meets  $AB$ ) and  
 $M$  draw  $OMV$  meeting  $HL$  in  $V$ .  
 Now  $\angle EFC = \angle DGK = \angle LGH = \angle LQH$ ;  
 but  $GQ$  is perpendicular to  $GH$ ;  
 therefore  $\angle ECF = \angle QGL = \angle QHL$ .  
 Again  $\angle LGT = \angle LHT = \angle LQT$ ,  
 and the angles  $\angle QLH$ ,  $\angle QTH$ ,  $\angle QLH$ ,  $\angle GLT$  are right angles;  
 therefore  $\angle QLG = \angle VML = \angle GMO$ ;  
 wherefore  $GM \cdot ON = GO \cdot ML$ .  
Q. Q. V.

### SYNTHESIS.

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By Analysis  $GM : ML :: GO : ON ;$   
 by my demon. to Prop. IX.  $GD : DH :: GO : ON ;$   
 therefore  $GM : ML :: GD : DH ;$   
*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Campbell.*

Draw CG meeting the circle in N, and let DS,  
 CW perpendicular to CA meet CG, GH in S, W;  
 let FE, CF meet GH in I, Y, join NL, NH.  
 By conv. Prop. VII. NH will be perpen. to AC,  
 and therefore  $\angle CWG = \angle NHG = \angle NLG ;$   
 but in the triangles FYI, MYG, the angle FYI  
 in fig. 121, 123 is common to both, and in fig. 121  
 $= \angle GYM$ , and  $\angle YFI = \angle YGM$  by *conf.* ;  
 therefore  $\angle YMG = \angle YIF = \angle CWG ;$   
 wherefore  $\angle NLG = \angle YMG ;$   
 therefore NL is parallel to CM ;  
 wherefore Eu. VI. 2.  $GM : ML :: GC : CN$   
Prop. II.  $:: GS : SN$   
Eu. VI. 2.  $:: GD : DH ;$   
 therefore Eu. V. 21.  $GM : ML :: GD : DH.$   
*Q. E. D.*

## ARTICLE XXX.

*Answers to the Mathematical Questions proposed in  
Article VI. No. I.*

## I. QUESTION 9, by Juvenis Mathematicus.

FROM the data, dear Gents, which are placed below,  
The greatest of secrets I would have you to shew.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x^2 + z^2 - 2yz + y^2 &= 170 = a \\ y^2 + z^2 - 2zx + x^2 &= 234 = m \\ z^2 + y^2 - 2yx + x^2 &= 80 = n \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Where } x, y \text{ and} \\ z \text{ represent the} \\ \text{places in the al-} \\ \text{phabet composing the secret?} \end{array}$$

*Answered by Miss Sally Hill, of ———, near  
Birmingham.*

From the sum of the given equation take the  
double of each, and these will result,

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 2yx + y^2 - 2zx + 2yz + z^2 &= m + n - a, \\ x^2 - 2yx + y^2 + 2zx - 2yz + z^2 &= a + n - m, \\ \text{and } x^2 + 2yx + y^2 - 2zx - 2yz + z^2 &= a + m - n; \end{aligned}$$

extract the square roots, and we have

$$\begin{aligned} -x + y + z &= \pm \sqrt{m + n - a}, \\ x - y + z &= \pm \sqrt{a + n - m}, \\ \text{and } x + y - z &= \pm \sqrt{a + m - n}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } x = \frac{1}{2}(\pm \sqrt{a + m - n} \pm \sqrt{a + n - m}) = 11 \text{ or } 7$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}(\pm \sqrt{a + m - n} \pm \sqrt{m + n - a}) = 15 \text{ or } 3$$

$$\text{and } z = \frac{1}{2}(\pm \sqrt{m + n - a} \pm \sqrt{a + n - m}) = 8 \text{ or } 4$$

Consequently the secret is GOD.

*The same by Mr. Richard Wood, Excise-Officer, a  
Birmingham.*

Take the first and second equations severally  
from the third, and also take the first from the  
second; the remainders give

$$2yz - 2xy = n - a; \text{ or } (z - x)^2 = ((n - a) \div 2y)^2;$$

$$2zx - 2xy = n - m; \text{ or } (z - y)^2 = ((n - m) \div 2x)^2;$$

$$2yz - 2xz = m - a; \text{ or } (y - x)^2 = ((m - a) \div 2z)^2.$$

Hence

Hence, by substitution we shall have

$$x + \left(\frac{n-m}{2x}\right)^2 = a; \text{ or } x = \sqrt{\frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 - (n-m)^2}}{2}} = 7 \text{ or } 11;$$

$$y + \left(\frac{n-a}{2y}\right)^2 = m; \text{ or } y = \sqrt{\frac{m + \sqrt{m^2 - (n-a)^2}}{2}} = 3 \text{ or } 15;$$

$$\text{and } z + \left(\frac{m-a}{2z}\right)^2 = n; \text{ or } z = \sqrt{\frac{n + \sqrt{n^2 - (m-a)^2}}{2}} = 4 \text{ or } 8.$$

*Otherwise by Mr. Ralph Simpson.*

$$\text{Given } x^2 + (z-y)^2 = 170 = 49 + 121,$$

$$y^2 + (z-x)^2 = 234 = 225 + 9,$$

$$\text{and } z^2 + (y-x)^2 = 80 = 16 + 64.$$

Hence, it is evident that  $x = 7$  or  $11$ ,  $y = 15$  or  $3$ , and  $z = 4$  or  $8$ , the same as above.

*Ingenious Solutions were also given by Messrs. Burdon, Elliot, Harris, Mabbot, Orpheus and Swale.*

II. QUESTION 10, *by Mr. T. Bulmer, Sunderland.*

There is a cone, which being suspended by its vertex, the number of vibrations it makes in a minute, its altitude, and the radius of its base in inches, are as 11, 10 and 1 :—Required how often it vibrates in a minute and its solid content ?

*Answered by Orpheus, of Hamsterly.*

Put  $x =$  the altitude,  $y =$  the radius of the base,  $a = 60'' = 1$  minute, and  $l = 39.13$  inches, the length of a pendulum vibrating seconds.

Then by the principles of fluxions, the distance of the centre of oscillation from the point of suspension will be  $(4x^2 + y^2) \div 5x$ ; hence the nature of pendulums

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$\sqrt{(4x^2+y^2)} \div 5x : \sqrt{l} :: a : a\sqrt{5lx \div (4x^2+y^2)}$ ,  
the number of vibrations made by the cone in one  
minute. Whence by the question

$a\sqrt{5lx \div (4x^2+y^2)} : x :: 11 : 10$ , and  $x : y :: 10 : 1$ ;  
taking means and extremes we have

$10a\sqrt{5lx \div (4x^2+y^2)} = 11x$ , and  $10y = x$ ;  
these equations, by proper reduction, give

$y = \sqrt[3]{50al \div 48521} = 5.25554$  the radius of the  
cone's base, and  $x = 52.5554$  its altitude. Hence  
the solidity of the cone is  $1520.14967$  inches, and  
it makes  $57.8109$  vibrations in one minute.

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*The same by Mr. Burdon, Acafter-Malbis.*

If  $x$  represent the radius of the base of the cone,  
 $10x$  and  $11x$  will represent its altitude and the num-  
ber of vibrations it makes in one minute, and  $401x$   
 $\div 50$  will be the distance of the centre of oscillation  
from its vertex; also  $60 \div 11x$  is the time in se-  
conds of one vibration. Hence, by the known  
laws of pendulums it will be  $\sqrt{39.2 : 1 ::}$   
 $\sqrt{401x \div 50} : 60 \div 11x$ ; from which analogy  $x$  is  
found  $= 5.258$  inches; consequently the other re-  
quisites are easily had.

*The same answered by Mr. Richard Wood.*

Put  $39.2 = b$ ,  $60'' = a$ ,  $11x =$  the number of vi-  
brations the cone makes in one minute, and  $x =$  the  
radius of its base; then (page 438, *Hodgson's*  
*Fluxions*)  $8x$  will be the distance of the centre of  
oscillation from the vertex; and the number of vi-  
brations made by the cone in one minute will be ex-  
pressed by  $\sqrt{ba^2 \div 8x} = 11x$  by the question.  
Hence

Hence  $x = \sqrt[3]{ba^3 \div 968} = .265$  inches, the radius of the base of the cone; from which its altitude, number of vibrations it makes in one minute, and its solid content are readily found.

*The same by Mr. James Boyce, Birmingham.*

Let  $x$ ,  $10x$ , and  $11x$  denote the radius of the base of the cone, its altitude, and the number of vibrations it makes in a minute respectively. Then by pendulums  $(11x)^2 : (60)^2 :: 39.2 : 39.2 \times 3600 \div 121x^2$  the length of the pendulum, or the distance from the vertex of the cone to its centre of oscillation: but by the principles of fluxions this distance is also found to be  $401x \div 50$ ; therefore making these two expressions equal to one another, we shall find  $x$ , &c. as above.

*True Solutions were given by Messrs. Bulmer, Dawes, Harris, Lowry, Simpson and Swale.*

III. QUESTION 11, by Mr. J. Surtees, Sunderland.

It is required to find the pressure of water with the velocity of 0.00002 feet per second, against a flood-gate placed perpendicular to the horizon, whose breadth is 18, and depth 12 feet?

*Answered by Mr. John Surtees.*

Let  $2n = 12$  feet,  $3n = 18$ ,  $v = 0.00002$ ,  $s = 16\frac{1}{2}$  = the space descended by a falling body in one second, and  $a = 62\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. = the weight of a cubic foot of water. Then (*prop. 107, Emerson's Mechanics*)  $6an^2 \times v \div 2s$  = the force of the stream: but (*cor. 2nd. ibid*) if any part of the fluid lie upon (or be sustained by) the plane, the force will be augmented by the weight (or pressure) of so much water. And (*by prop. 91, cor. 2.*) the quantity of pressure

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on any plane surface sustaining a fluid is equal to that of the same plane placed parallel to the horizon, at the depth where its centre of gravity is : therefore  $6an^3$  = the quantity of its pressure, and  $6an^3 + 6an^3 \times \frac{v}{v+2s} = 81000 \cdot 00000016785$  lbs. the whole pressure against the gate ; and that pressure is also equal to the resistance the same plane would meet with in moving with the given velocity and driving the fluid before it.

*The same answered by Mr. Burdon.*

Mr. Emerson, at page 133 of his *Hydrostatics*, 8vo. says, " the force of a stream of water against any plane obstacle at rest, is equal to the weight of a column of water, whose base is the section of the stream, and height the space descended through by a falling body to acquire that velocity." Now the spaces described by falling bodies being as the squares of the velocities, we have

$\left( 32\frac{1}{2} \right)^2 16\frac{1}{2} :: \left( \frac{1}{50000} \right)^2 : \frac{3}{482500000000}$  feet, the height fallen through to acquire the velocity of the

water ; therefore  $18 \times 12 + \frac{3}{482500000000} \times 62\frac{1}{2} =$

$\frac{81}{965000000}$  lbs. the force against the gate ; this

added to 81000 the pressure (*vid. Qu. 2. Yorks.*

*Rep.*) gives  $81000 \frac{81}{965000000}$  lbs. the pressure in this case.

*Answers to this Question were also received from Orpheus and J. H. Swale.*

IV. QUESTION 12, by Mr. J. Rutherford, Weardale.

On Midsummer-day, in latitude  $54^\circ 40'$  north, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, I observed the sun to shine into a shaft made for the purpose of winding  
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up the ore got in the mines ; the declination of the shaft I found was S. S. W. and breadth 4 feet :—  
*Query* the depth to which the sun shined therein, and the length of the highest ray from the upper edge of the shaft, to the lowest point enlightened thereby on the opposite side ?

*Answered by Mr. Surtees.*

By spherics the apparent altitude of the sun's upper limb is found to be  $51^{\circ} 54'$  very near, and his azimuth from the south  $= 47^{\circ} 38' 43''$ . Then in (fig. 124, pl. 8.) where AD represents the shaft, CB a line crossing the shaft in direction of a ray proceeding from the sun,  $\angle CAB$  a right angle, there is given  $AC = 4$  feet, and  $\angle CBA = 47^{\circ} 38' 43'' \div 22^{\circ} 30' = 70^{\circ} 8' 43''$ , to find  $CB = 4.253$  feet: then, as cosine alt. ( $51^{\circ} 54'$ ) :  $BC ::$  sine alt.  $5.424$  feet  $=$  the depth to where the sun will shine; and as cosine alt. :  $BC ::$  rad. :  $6.892$  feet  $=$  the length of the longest ray.

*The same by Mr. John Dawes, Birmingham.*

By spherics the sun's azimuth from the south  $= 47^{\circ} 40'$ , and allowing for refraction his altitude is found  $= 51^{\circ} 39' 40''$ .

Let  $\odot ABC$  (fig. 125, pl. 9.) represent the shaft,  $a \odot b$  its declination  $= 22^{\circ} 30'$ ,  $\odot a$ , a meridional line,  $a \odot e$  the same azimuth of the south, and  $\odot d$  the ray required. Then in the rt.  $\angle' d, \triangle \odot Ac$ , there are given  $\odot A = 4$  and  $\angle A \odot c (= e \odot g =$  the comp. of  $(b \odot a - a \odot e)$  to find  $\odot c$ . Again in the rt.  $\angle' d \odot cd$ , there are given  $\odot c$  (found above) and the  $\angle c \odot d$  (the sun's altitude) to find  $\odot d = 6.855$  feet, the length of the longest ray, and  $cd = 5.378$  feet, the depth to which the sun shone into the shaft.

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*The same by Mr. William Burdon.*

Conceive a spherical triangle formed by Z the zenith, S the sun, and P the pole, in which are given  $ZP=35^{\circ} 20'$  the colat.  $PS=66^{\circ} 32'$  the co-declination, and the included angle  $ZPS=30^{\circ}$  or 2 hrs. the time from noon, to find  $\angle Z=132^{\circ} 19' 47''$  the sun's azimuth from the north, and  $ZS=38^{\circ} 20' 42''$  the colat: hence  $51^{\circ} 39' 18''$  the true alt. of the sun's centre, or by allowing for semidiameter, refraction, and parallax, gives  $51^{\circ} 55' 43''$  the apparent altitude of the sun's upper limb. Then in fig. 126, pl. 9,  $AD=4$  feet, the breadth of the shaft,  $\angle ABD=S. S. W. + \text{supp. } 132^{\circ} 19' 47''=70^{\circ} 10' 13''$  and the angle,  $DBC=51^{\circ} 55' 43''$  the sun's altitude. In the rt.  $\angle'd\triangle ADB$ , is found  $DB=4.2521$ ; also in the rt.  $\angle'd\triangle DBC$  is found  $CD=5.4285$  feet, the depth the sun shone within the shaft, and  $BC=6.8955$  feet, the length of the longest ray.

*The same by Mr. Rutherford, the Proposer.*

From the data, I find the sun's azimuth from the south  $=47^{\circ} 40' 13'' 12'''$  and his altitude  $=51^{\circ} 39' 18'' 26'''$ . Then in (fig. 127, pl. 9.) let S, W, N, E, represent South, West, North, East, and Cn the breadth of the shaft  $=4$  feet, and the angle  $ACn=19^{\circ} 49' 46'' 48'''$ . Hence by plane trigonometry f.  $\angle ACn :: Cn :: \text{rad.} : CA=4.261931$  feet.

f.  $\angle CBA : CA :: \text{rad.} : BC=6.869$  feet, the longest ray, and  $\text{rad.} : BC :: \text{f. } \angle BCA : BA=5.387$  feet, the depth that the sun shined into the shaft.

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*Other ingenious Solutions were given by Messrs. Boyce, Harris, Orpheus, Simplon, Swale and Wood.*

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## V. QUESTION 13. by Mr. Burdon, Acafter-Malbis.

There are three towns A, B and C, the roads to which, from one another, form a right-angled triangle. Now a person had to travel from the town B at the right angle to A; but, after going two miles, had occasion to call somewhere on the road from A to C; he therefore takes the nearest way to it, and then finds he is one mile and a half from A and three from C:—*Query* the distance from B to C, and the number of miles he travelled when arrived at A?

*Answered by Mr. Rd. Elliot.*

*Conf.* Upon the given distance of the towns A and C (fig. 128, plate 9.) describe a semi-circle, and at D, the place where the traveller had to call, erect the perpendicular DE equal to the side of a square, whose area is equal to the rectangle AD. AC; make DF equal to half the distance he travelled from B before he changed his direction, and join EF; with the centre A and distance EF—DF describe an arc to cut ED in G; and produce AG to meet the semi-circle in B; then B will represent the town from which he began his journey.

*Demon.* We have only to prove that  $BG = 2DF$  in order to which we have  $ED^2 + DF^2 = EF^2$ , and by *conf.*  $(AG + DF)^2 = EF^2$ ; hence,  $AG \cdot (AG + 2DF) = DE^2$ ; but by *conf.*  $AD \cdot AC = DE^2$ ; therefore  $AG \cdot (AG + 2DF) = AD \cdot AC$ ; or  $AG : AD :: AC : AG + 2DF$ ; but by *sim. Δ's*,  $AG : AD :: AC : AB$ ; wherefore  $AB = AG + 2DF$ ; consequently  $BG = 2DF$ .

*Q. E. D.*

From above, by calculation, BC is found  $= 2.4358$ , and  $BG + DG + AD = 4.4656$ , the number of miles travelled.

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*The same by Orpheus, of Hamsterly.*

Let ABC (fig. 128, plate 9.) be the right-angled triangle formed by the roads, G the place where the traveller left the road AB, and D the place he had to call at on the road AC; it is evident from the nature of the question, that GD must be perpendicular to AC, and therefore the right-angled triangle ADG is similar to the right-angled triangle ABC. Now put  $BG = 2 = a$ ,  $AD = 1\frac{1}{2} = b$ ,  $AC = AD + DC = 4\frac{1}{2} = c$  and  $AG = x$ .

Then  $AG : AD :: AC : AB = bc \div x$ ;  
 but  $AB = BG + GA = a + x = bc \div x$ ;  
 hence  $x^2 + ax = bc$ ; solved gives  $x = 1.7838$ ;  
 whence BC is easily found  $= 2.4357$  miles; and  
 $BG + GD + DA = 4.46537$  the number of miles  
 required.

*Solutions equally ingenious with those given above, were received from Messrs. Boyce, Burdon, Dawes, Harris, Mabbot, Simpson, Swale and Wood.*

## VI. QUESTION 14, by Plus-Minus Selby.

A person of my acquaintance has an equilateral triangular yard to be divided into three parts by paling, drawn from the center of a basin, somewhere within it, to the nearest point in each side. Now he is informed that it will cost him as much doing as 12s. 6d. per pole, as the whole yard would paving at 9d. per yard:—*Query* the sides and area of the said yard?

*Answered by Mr. Richard Elliot.*

By a well-known property of the equilateral triangle, the quantity of paling is equal to the perpendicular of the triangular yard. And the perpendicular

cular of any equilateral triangle, is to the area, as unity, to half the base; which by the question will be in the inverse ratio of the prices; that is, as  $1 : \frac{1}{2}$  base ::  $9 : 150 \div 55$ ; hence the base (or side) itself is equal to  $6.0606$  yards, and the area of the yard is equal to  $15.9045$  square yards.

*The same by Mr. John Harris, Teacher of the Mathematics, at Caermarthen.*

Put  $x$  = the side of the equilateral triangle; then (Eu. I. 47)  $\frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{3}$  = the perpendicular = the sum of the perpendiculars drawn from any point within the triangle to the sides, and  $\frac{1}{4}x^2\sqrt{3}$  = the area of the triangle; hence  $\frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{3} \times 12.5 \div 5.5 = 3x^2\sqrt{3} \div 16$ ; which reduced gives  $x = 6.0606$ , &c. the side of the triangle, and  $\frac{1}{2}x\sqrt{3} = 5.2486$ , &c. the perpendicular; and therefore the area is  $= 15.9049$ , &c. square yards.

*Proof.*

$5.2486$  &c. yards at  $12s. 6d.$  per pole is  $11s. 11.144d.$  and  $15.9049$ , &c. yards at  $9d.$  per yard is  $11s. 11.144d.$

*Ingenuous answers to this question were also received from Messrs. Boyce, Burdon, Dawes, Elliot, Orpheus, Simpson, Swale and Wood.*

## VII. QUESTION 15, by Mr. Collin Campbell, Kendal.

If PGHI, KCMI. (fig. 31.) be two wheels, revolving round the centres S, O, and connected by the flexible band FGHMLKF. It is required to determine the friction of that band on each wheel, supposing the centre S fixed, and the centre O urged by force in the direction  $SO \div T$ .

*Answered by Mr. Burdon.*

The whole pressure upon the surface of the wheel KCML (fig. 31, pl. 1.) will be easily found to be =

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$T \times \text{arc KLM} \div 2KO$  and that on the wheel  $FGHI = T \times \text{arc FGH} \div 2SH$ , which are as the effects of the friction on each wheel; or since the arc  $FGH$  is similar to the arc  $KCM$ , the friction on the wheel  $FGHI$  is to that on the wheel  $KCML$ , as the arc  $FGH$  to its supplement  $FIH$ .

# VIII. QUESTION 16, by Mr. J. Fletcher, *Liverpool.*

Seeing an exciseman's staff in form of a cylinder, three-fourths of an inch in diameter, and thirty-six inches long, immersed in a vessel of beer at one end, the other resting on the edge of the vessel 3 inches above the liquor, I observed 13 inches along the staff's axis to be dry:—Required the weight of the staff? a cubic inch of beer weighing 0.5949 oz. aver.

*Answered in Gent. Diary, 1790.*

# IX. QUESTION 17, from *Lawson on the Ancient Analysis.*

Let there be a triangle  $ABC$ , whose base  $BC$  is bisected in  $D$ , and through the vertex  $A$  a line  $AE$  drawn parallel to  $BC$ , and any line drawn through  $D$  to meet  $AB$ ,  $AC$ ,  $AE$  in  $F$ ,  $G$ ,  $H$ ; then I say  $GD : DF :: GH : HF$ :—Required the demonstration?

*Answered in Article XXIX.*

# X. QUESTION 18, from the same.

If in  $AB$  the diameter of a circle two points  $C$  and  $D$  be taken such that  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ , and through the point  $D$  any line be drawn to meet the circle in  $E$  and  $F$ , and  $CE$ ,  $CF$  be joined; then I say  $EC : CF :: ED : DF$ :—Required the demonstration?

*Answered in Article XXIX.*

# XI. QUESTION 19, from Stewart's General Theorems.

Let there be any number of given points  $A, B, C,$  &c. and let  $a, b, c,$  &c. be given magnitudes as many in number as there are given points; a point  $X$  may be found, such, that if from the given points  $A, B, C,$  &c. there be drawn right lines to the point  $X$ , and from the given points and the point  $X$  there be drawn right lines to any point  $Y$ , the square of  $AY$  together with the space to which the square of  $BY$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $CY$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the square of  $AX$  together with the space to which the square of  $BX$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $CX$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, together with the space to which the square of  $XY$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c,$  &c.—Required the demonstration?

*Answered in Article XXXIV.*

## XII. QUESTION 20, by Mr. R. Simpson.

Bartered a piece of broad cloth, containing  $a$  yards at  $b$  shillings per yard, for a piece of fine Irish linen and another of cambric. Now the ratio of the yards in these two pieces was that of  $c$  to  $d$ , and the ratio of their values per yard, in shillings, that of  $m$  to  $n$ ; also the rated price of the linen per yard, was to the number of yards in the piece as  $r$  to  $s$ :—Required the yards, prices per yard, and values of the two pieces?

*Answered by Mr. Harris.*

Let  $cx$ ==the number of yards of Irish linen

$dx$ ==the number of yards of cambric

$my$ ==the value of one yard of the linen, and

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$ny$ ==

$ny$  = the value of one yard of cambric. Then  
 $cmyx$  = the whole value of the linen, and  
 $dnyx$  = the whole value of the cambric, hence,  
 by the question  $cmyx + dnyx = ab$ ,  
 and  $my : cx :: r : s$ ; or  $crx = msy$ ;  
 these equations being reduced, gives

$$x = \sqrt{absm \div rc \cdot (cm + dn)}, \text{ and}$$

$$y = \sqrt{abrc \div ms \cdot (cm + dn)}. \text{ Hence}$$

$$\sqrt{absmc \div r \cdot (cm + dn)} = \text{the number of yards of irish,}$$

$$d \sqrt{absm \div rc \cdot (cm + dn)} = \text{the number of yards of cambric}$$

$$\sqrt{abcrn \div s \cdot (cm + dn)} = \text{the value per yard of the linen}$$

$$n \sqrt{abrc \div ms \cdot (cm + dn)} = \text{the value per yard of the cambric}$$

$$abcm \div (cm + dn) = \text{the value of the irish linen, and}$$

$$abd n \div (cm + dn) = \text{that of the cambric.}$$

*The answers by Messrs. Burdon, Elliot, Orpheus, Mabbott, Simpson and Swale, were nearly the same as that above.*

### XIII. QUESTION 21, by Mr. Olinthus Gilbert Gregory.

The axis of a sphere is 12 inches; what is the difference between the solidity of this sphere, and that of a cone whose slant height is to the radius of its base as 3 to 1, and the whole surface equal to the surface of the sphere?

*Answered by Mr. James Boyce.*

The whole surface of a cone whose slant height is 3, and the radius of its base 1 inch, is  $= 3.1416 \times 4$ , and the surface of the sphere is  $= 3.1416 \times 144$ . Hence, the surfaces of similar solids being as the squares of their like dimensions, it will be as  $\sqrt{3.1416 \times 4} : \sqrt{3.1416 \times 144} :: 1 : 6$  inches, the radius of the cone's base, and its slant height is  $= 18$  inches. Whence

the

the solidity of the sphere is  $\underline{=904.8638}$  inches,  
 the solidity of the cone is  $\underline{=639.7538}$  inches;  
*ergo*, the required difference is  $\underline{=265.11}$  inches.

*Algebraical solutions to this question were received from Messrs. Burdon, Dawes, Elliot, Gregory, Harris, Orpheus, Simpson, Swale and Wood.*

#### XIV. QUESTION 22, by Mr. John Lowry.

If tangents be drawn from the extremities of a given oblique parabola: it is required to determine the area of the greatest ellipsis that can be inscribed in the space included between the tangents and the curve?

*Answered by Mr. John Lowry.*

*Conf.* Let POQ (fig. 129, pl. 9.) be the given parabola, and PG, QG, the tangents drawn from its extremities P, Q intersecting each other in G; draw the diameter GOH, also parallel to QG, PG let OC, OD be drawn; then (*by Prop. 70, Book 3, of Emerson's Conics*) describe an ellipsis OCbD to pass through the points O, C, D and touch the tangents in C, D; then I say OCbD will be the ellipsis required.

*Demon.* Through O draw the tangent EOF, which by the property of the parabola, will be bisected in O, and parallel to PHQ; then, by the scholium to Theorem VIII, *Simpson* on the *Maxima et Minima* of Geometrical quantities, the triangle EGF will be a *maximum*. Again, by reason of parallels,  $EC=CG$  and  $FD=GD$ ; whence it is manifest from the *scholium* just mentioned, that the ellipsis OCbD is the greatest that can be inscribed in the triangle EGF, and therefore the greatest that can be inscribed in the space PGQOP.



*Calculation.* FC, ED, being joined, will, by the property of the ellipsis, intersect each other in R, its centre; also CD being joined (meeting the diameter in S) will be equal and parallel to EO; and SG will likewise be equal to SO;

and, by the property of the  $\Delta$ ,  $OR$  or  $Rb = \frac{1}{2}GR$ ;  
therefore  $Ob = GR = \frac{2}{3}OG$ ;

but, by Em. Conics II. 20,  $OG = OH$ ;  
therefore  $Ob = \frac{2}{3}OH$ ,

Again, let the conjugate IRV be drawn parallel to EOF meeting the tangent PG in L;

then  $RL = \frac{2}{3}EO$  and  $CS = \frac{1}{3}EO$ ;  
theref. Em. Con. I. 47, cor. 1.  $IR^2 = CS \cdot RL = \frac{1}{3}EO^2$ ;  
hence,  $IR = EO \div \sqrt{3}$  and  $IV = 2EO \div \sqrt{3} = PH \div \sqrt{3}$ ;  
therefore the area of the ellipsis, is to the area of the parabola, as  $3 \cdot 1416$  is to  $8\sqrt{3}$ ; or to the area of the triangle EGF as  $3 \cdot 1416$  to  $3\sqrt{3}$ .

*Q. E. D. et I.*

*An ingenious solution to this question was also given by Mr. Richard Elliot, of Liverpool.*

# XV. QUESTION 23, by Mr. Lowry.

Given the perimeter, the vertical angle and area of a spherical triangle to determine it?

*Answered by Mr. Lowry.*

*Analysis.* Fig. 130, Plate 9.

Suppose the thing done and that ABC is really the triangle required; produce the sides CA, CB to E, D, so that CE, CD may be each equal to half the given perimeter; perpendicular to CE, CD draw the arches EO, DO to intersect in O; and about O as a pole, with the distance OE or OD describe the less circle EPD, which, as is well known, will touch the base AB in some point as P; draw the arches AO, BO.

Because

Because the area and vertical angle are given,  
the sum of the angles at the base will be given;  
therefore the sum of their supplements will be given,  
i. e. the sum of the angles EAB, DBA will be given.

Again, the right angled triangles AOE, APO,  
having  $EO=OP$ ,  $\angle OEA=\angle APO$ —a right angle,  
and AO common to both, will be equal and similar  
in every respect;

therefore

$$\angle OAP = \frac{1}{2} \angle EAB;$$

in like manner

$$\angle OBP = \frac{1}{2} \angle DBA;$$

therefore the sum of the angles OAP, OBP is given.

Hence in the triangle ABO there will be given  
the  $\angle AOB = \frac{1}{2} \angle EOD$ , the perpendicular OP, and  
and the sum of the angles OAB, OBA; or in the  
supplemental triangle there will be given the base,  
the perpendicular, and the sum of the sides to de-  
termine the triangle; and this is done at prop. VIII.  
Art. III. No. I.

If the base, sum of the sides, and area had been  
given, then in the supplemental triangle there would  
have been given the vertical angle, the sum of the  
angles at the base, and the perimeter, which is the  
same as the above.

Mr. J. H. Swale, of Leeds, answered this question.

#### XVI. QUESTION 24, by Mr. W. Pearson, North Shields.

The fluent of  $\sqrt[n]{a+cz}^m \times z^{pn-1} \dot{z}$  being given,  
from p. 94. of *Simpson's Fluxions*, it is required to  
find the fluents of  $\sqrt[n]{a+cz}^{m-r} \times z^{pn+vn-1} \dot{z}$ ,  
of  $\sqrt[n]{a+cz}^{m+r} \times z^{pn-vn-1} \dot{z}$ , and also of  
 $\sqrt[n]{a+cz}^{m-r} \times z^{pn-vn-1} \dot{z}$ ?

Answered

$$\frac{s+1}{q+1} \cdot \frac{QR}{a} - \frac{s+2}{q+2} \cdot \frac{Scz^n}{a} - \frac{s+3}{q+3} \cdot \frac{Tcz^n}{a} (v) \\ + \frac{*t+1 \cdot t+2 \cdot t+3 \cdot t+4 \cdot t+5 (r+v)}{m \cdot m-1 \cdot m-2 (r) + p-1 \cdot p-2 \cdot p-3 (v)} \times \frac{-C^v A}{a^{r+v}};$$

which is the same as determined by Mr. Simpson on page 395 of his Fluxions. Where H, I, K, L, .....R, S, T, &c. denote the terms immediately preceding those where they stand under their proper signs, R being the last term of the first series; Q &c. as mentioned above.

\*It may perhaps be necessary to explain, how this expression, was obtained.

Since the numerator  $t-1 \cdot t-2 \cdot t-3 \cdot t-4 (v)$   $\times p'+m \cdot p'+m-1 \cdot p'+m-2 (r)$  of the last term of the fluent (by substituting for  $p'$  &c.) is  $t-1 \cdot t-2 \cdot t-3 (v) \times p-v+m \cdot p-v+m-1 \cdot p-v+m-2 (r)$ ; where the first factor of the second progression ( $p-v+m$ ) is less by unity than the last factor ( $t-v$ ) of the first progression; it is evident that the said second progression is only a continuation of the first to  $r$  more factors; and so the last term of the fluent where A is found, is truly expressed by  $\frac{t-1 \cdot t-2 \cdot t-3 (v+r)}{m \cdot m-1 (r) \times p-1 \cdot p-2 (v)}$   $\times \frac{-C^v A}{a^{r+v}}.$

By a similar method of reasoning, (using Prob. 6. instead of 7) the value of F (the fluent of  $(a+cz^n)^{m-r} z^{pn-un-1} z$  will also be ==

$$Q \frac{m-r+1}{q+1} \cdot \frac{z^{pn-un}}{na} - \frac{s+2}{q+2} \cdot \frac{Hcz^r}{a} - \frac{s+3}{q+3} \cdot \frac{Icz^n}{a} (v)$$

+

$$\times \left( \frac{z^{-vn}}{q+1 \cdot na} - \frac{s+2 \cdot cz^{n-vn}}{q+1 \cdot q+2 \cdot na} + \frac{s+2 \cdot s+3 \cdot c^2 z^{2n-vn}}{q+1 \cdot q+2 \cdot q+3 \cdot na^3} (v) \right)$$

$$+ \frac{s+p'+m}{m} \cdot \frac{p'+m-1}{m-1} (r) \times \frac{1}{a^r} \times \frac{t-1}{p-1} \cdot \frac{t-2}{p-2} \cdot \frac{t-3}{p-3} (v) \times \frac{v}{a} \frac{A}{v}$$

Where  $q=p-v-1$ ,  $s=m+q=m+p-v-1$ ,  $t=p+m+1$ .

\*+or-, according as  $v$  is even or odd.

If the last term of the first series exclusive of the multiplier  $Q^m z^{pn}$  be denoted by  $\beta$ , the multiplier  $\frac{p'+m}{m} \cdot \frac{p'+m-1}{m-1} \cdot \frac{p'+m-2}{2n-2} (r) \times \frac{1}{a^r}$  to the

second series will be  $\frac{(p'+m) \cdot n \beta}{a^r}$  (Art. 290.); and therefore the first term of this series, including its

$$\text{multiplier is } \frac{(p'+m) \cdot n \cdot \beta Q^{m+1} z^{pn-vn}}{q+1 \cdot na}$$

$$= \frac{p'+m \cdot \beta Q^{m+1} z^{pn-vn}}{q+1 \cdot a}$$

$$= \frac{s+1 \cdot \beta Q^{m+1} z^{pn-vn}}{q+1 \cdot a}$$

which, if  $R$  be put to denote the last term of the first series ( $\beta Q^m z^{pn-vn}$ ), will be expounded by

$$\frac{s+1}{q+1} \cdot \frac{QR}{a}$$

Hence it follows that the fluent of  $(a+cz^n)^{m-r} z^{pn-vn-1}$  given above, will also be equal to

$$-\frac{Q^{m-r+1} z^{pn-vn}}{f+1 \cdot na} + \frac{g+1}{f+2} \cdot \frac{QH}{a} + \frac{g+2}{f+3} \cdot \frac{QI}{a} (r)$$



If room would permit, a great many curious forms of fluxions with their corresponding fluents might be exhibited. It will also now appear pretty plain how the other required fluents may be found; Mr. *Simpson* has given us the fluents in one form for each, and I shall now put the same down in another form.

The fluent of  $(a+cz^n)^{m-r} z^{pn+vn-1}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{Q^{m-r+1} z^{pn+vn}}{s+1 \cdot n c z^n} - \frac{q}{s} \cdot \frac{aH}{c z^n} \cdot \frac{q-1}{s-1} \cdot \frac{aI}{c z^n} (v) \\ & - \frac{pR}{f+1} + \frac{g+1}{f+2} \cdot \frac{QS}{a} + \frac{g+2}{f+3} \cdot \frac{QT}{a} + \frac{g+3}{f+4} \cdot \frac{QV}{a} (r) \\ & + \frac{p \cdot p+1 \cdot p+2}{t \cdot t+1 \cdot t+2} (v) \times \frac{p+m \cdot p+m-1 \cdot p+m-2}{m \cdot m-1 \cdot m-2} (r) \times \frac{a^{v-r}}{-c} \frac{A}{v} \end{aligned}$$

Where H, I, K, L....R, S, T, &c. denote the terms immediately preceding those where they stand under their proper signs; R being the last term of the first series, also  $Q = a+cz^n$ ,  $q = p+v-1$ ,  $s = q+m-r = p+v-1+m-r$ ,  $t = p+m-r+1$ ,  $f = m-r$  and  $g = p+m-r$ .

The fluent of  $(a+cz^n)^{m+r} z^{pn-vn-1}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{Q^{m+r} z^{pn-vn}}{g^n} + \frac{f}{g-1} \cdot \frac{aH}{Q+g-2} \cdot \frac{f-1}{g-2} \cdot \frac{aI}{Q} (r) \\ & + \frac{m-1 \cdot R}{q+1} - \frac{s+2}{q+2} \cdot \frac{cz^n S}{a} - \frac{s+3}{q+3} \cdot \frac{cz^n T}{a} (v) \\ & + \frac{m+1}{p'+m+1} \cdot \frac{m+2}{p'+m+2} (r) \times \frac{t-1}{p-1} \cdot \frac{t-2}{p-2} (v) \times \frac{a^v}{a^{v-r}} \frac{A}{v-r} \end{aligned}$$

Where

Where  $p' = p - v$ ,  $f = m + r$ ,  $g = p' + m - r$ ,  $q = p - v - 1$ ,  $s = m + q$ ,  $t = p + m + 1$ , and the rest of the letters as before.

The fluent of  $(a + cz^n)^{m+r} z^{pn+vn-1}$  is

$$\frac{Q^{m+r+1} z^{pn+vn}}{s+1 \cdot nc z^n} - \frac{q \cdot aH}{s cz^n} - \frac{q-1 \cdot aI}{s-1 cz^n} (v) \\ + \frac{paR}{gQ} + \frac{f}{g-1} \cdot \frac{aS}{Q} + \frac{f-1}{g-2} \cdot \frac{aT}{Q} + \frac{f-2}{g-3} \cdot \frac{aV}{Q} (r) \\ + \frac{p \cdot \overline{p+1} \cdot \overline{p+2} (v) \times \overline{m+1} \cdot \overline{m+2} (r)}{p+m+1 \cdot p+m+2 \cdot p+m+3 (v+r)} \times \frac{a^{v+r} A}{-c^v};$$

where  $Q = a + cz^n$ ,  $q = p + v - 1$ ,  $s = q + m + r$ ,  $t = p + m + r + 1$ ,  $f = m + r$ ,  $g = p + m + r$ ,  $H, I, \&c.$  as before, which is a different form from that put down by Mr. Simpson on page 322 of his Fluxions.

XVII. QUESTION 25, answered by Pappus Junior.

Upon AB (fig. 131, pl. 9.) describe a semicircle; and let CF, perpendicular to AB, meet the semicircle in F; join AF, and draw DG parallel to CF, meeting the semicircle in G, and AF in H; and let the rectangle KDH be equal to the square of CF.

Because  
it will be  
but  
therefore  
wherefore  
but  
therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & KD \cdot DH = CF^2 \\ & HD : CF :: CF : DK \\ & HD : CF :: AD : AC \\ & AD : AC :: CF : DK \\ & AD^2 : AC^2 :: CF^2 : DK^2 \\ & AD^3 : AD \cdot AC^2 :: AD^2 : AC^2 \\ & AD^3 : AD \cdot AC^2 :: CF^2 : DK^2 \end{aligned}$$

but

If room would permit, a greater number of fluxions with their corresponding ratios might be exhibited. It will also be seen how the other require  $CF^2$  is greater than  $GD \cdot DK$ , *Simpson* has given  $AD^3$  will be greater than  $GD \cdot DH$ , each, and I shall form.  $KD$  is greater than  $GD$ ,  $KD^2$  is greater than  $GD^2$ ,  $DG^2 = AD \cdot DB$ ;

The fluxion

$Q^*$

$DK^2$  is greater than  $AD \cdot DB$ ;  
 the ratio of  $AD \cdot CB : DK^2$  is less than the  
 ratio of  $AD \cdot CB : AD \cdot DB$ , that is, less  
 than the ratio of  $CB : BD$ ,  
 $AD^3 : AC^3 :: AD \cdot CB : DK^2$ ;  
 therefore the ratio of  $AD^3 : AC^3$  is less than the  
 ratio of  $CB : BD$ .

*Q. E. D.*

The same otherwise by Mr. Lowry.

On  $AB$  (fig. 131, pl. 9.) as a diameter describe the circle  $AFBP$ , and draw  $CFP$  perpendicular to  $AB$ : join  $AF$ ,  $AP$ .

By hypothesis  $AD^3 \div AC^3$  is less than  $CB \div BD$ ; therefore  $AC^3 \cdot CB$  is greater than  $AD^3 \cdot DB$ ; that is,  $AC^3 \cdot CB$  must be a maximum.

Now by the circle  $AC : CF :: CF : CB$ ;  
 therefore  $AC^3 : AC^2 \cdot CF :: CF : CB$ ;  
 therefore  $AC^3 \cdot CB = AC^2 \cdot CF^2$ ;  
 wherefore  $AC^2 \cdot CF^2$ , or  $AC \cdot CF$ , or the triangle  $APF$  must be a maximum.

But the greatest triangle that can be inscribed in a circle, is well known to be the equilateral one; therefore  $AC = \frac{2}{3} AB = \frac{2}{3} BC$ ; consequently the truth of the proposition is manifest.

QUESTION 26, answered by Mr. Lowry.

$$\dot{x} + ry^{-1} \dot{y} = y^{-n} x^m \dot{x} \div a;$$

$$ry^{-1} x^{(np \div r)} y^n, \text{ and we get}$$

$$x^{(p \div r)-1} \dot{xy}^n + nx^{(np \div r)} y^{n-1} \dot{y} = nx^m + (np \div r) x^{\dot{x} \div ra};$$

$$\text{the flu. give } x^{(np \div r)} y^n = nx^m + (np \div r) + 1 \div ra \cdot (m + (np \div r) + 1)$$

Cor. 1. When  $n=r$ ;  $x^p y^r = x^{m+p+1} \div a \cdot (m+p+1)$ ; the same as at art. 262, *Simpson's Fluxions*.

Cor. 2. If  $p=r=1$ ;  $x^n y^n = nx^{m+n+1} \div a \cdot (m+n+1)$ ; the same as in question 963, *Ladies' Diary*.

Cor. 3. By a similar method, the relation of  $x$  and  $y$  may be determined, in the equation,

$$ry^{-1} \dot{y} - px^{-1} \dot{x} = y^{-n} x^m \dot{x} \div a;$$

$$\text{for multiply by } nx^{(np \div r)} y^n \div rx^{(2np \div r)}, \text{ it becomes}$$

$$nx^{(np \div r)} y^{n-1} \dot{y} - npr^{-1} x^{(np \div r)-1} \dot{xy}^n \div x^{(2np \div r)} = nx^m - (np \div r) \dot{x} \div ra;$$

$$\text{the flu. give } y^n x^{(np \div r)} = nx^{m-(np \div r)+1} \div ra \cdot (m-(np \div r)+1).$$

$$\text{Cor. 4. When } r=n; y^r \div x^p = x^{m-p+1} \div a \cdot (m-p+1).$$

$$\text{Cor. 5. If } p=r=1; y^n \div x^n = nx^{m-n+1} \div a \cdot (m-n+1).$$

The same by Mr. John Dawes, Birmingham.

$$\text{Given } px^{-1} \dot{x} + ry^{-1} \dot{y} = y^{-n} x^m \dot{x} \div a.$$

Multiply by  $y^n$  and it becomes

$$py^n x^{-1} \dot{x} + ry^{n-1} \dot{y} = x^m \dot{x} \div a:$$

assume  $x^q y^n = sx^v \div av$ ; put this into fluxions,  
Y 2 and

and  $qx^{q-1} \dot{x} y^n + ny^{n-1} \dot{y} x^q = sx^{v-1} \dot{x} \div a$ ;

multiply this last expression by  $r \div nx^q$ , then

$rqy^n \dot{x} \div nx + ry^{n-1} \dot{y} = rsx^{v-q-1} \dot{x} \div na$ ; comp. this with

$py^n \dot{x} \div x + ry^{n-1} \dot{y} = x^m \dot{x} \div a$ ; to make them the same,

then  $rq \div n = p$ , or  $q = np \div r$ ;  $rs \div n = 1$ , or  $s = n \div r$ ;

and  $v - q - 1 = m$ , or  $v = m + q + 1 = m + (np \div r) + 1$ .

Whence, the relation of  $x$  and  $y$  will be expressed

$$\text{by } x^{(n \div r)} y^n = nx^{m + (n \div r) + 1} \div ra \{m + (np \div r) + 1\}.$$

*Observation 1.* By a similar method of proceeding, we may find the relation of the fluents in the equation

$$ry^{-1} \dot{y} - px^{-1} \dot{x} = y^{-n} x^m \dot{x} \div a;$$

and in this case it will be found that

$$y^n \div x^{(np \div r)} = nx^{m - (np \div r) + 1} \div ra \{m - (np \div r) + 1\}.$$

*Obs. 2.* From what is done above, it appears that the relation of  $x$  and  $y$  in the equation

$ry^{-1} \dot{y} \pm px^{-1} \dot{x} = y^{-n} x^m \dot{x} \div a$ , will always be expressed by the equation

$$y^n x \pm (np \div r) = nx^{m \pm (np \div r) + 1} \div ra \{m \pm (n \div pr) + 1\}.$$

Hence, suppose that when  $x = a$ ,  $y$  is also  $= a$ ; and the correct equation of the fluents become

$$y^n x \pm (np \div r) = \{(rm \pm np + r) \cdot a^{n \pm (np \div r) + 1} - na^{m \pm (np \div r) + 1} + ax^{m \pm (np \div r) + 1}\} \div a \cdot (rm \pm np + r).$$

*Obs.*

*Obf.* 3. If in the laſt equation we ſuppoſe  $p=r=1$ ;  $y^n x^{\pm n} = ((m \pm n + 1) \cdot a^{m \pm n + 1} - n a^{m \pm n + 1} + n x^{m \pm n + 1}) \div a \cdot (m \pm n + 1)$ ; and this agrees with queſtions 963, 502, *Ladie's Diary*, both being corrected, ſo that  $x=y=a$ .

*Obf.* 4. If we ſuppoſe  $p=2$ ,  $r=3$ , and  $m=n=3$ ; the given equation becomes  $3y^{-1} \dot{y} \pm 2x^{-1} \dot{x} = y^{-3} x^3 \dot{x} \div a$ , and the correſt equation of the fluents will be

$$y^3 x^{\pm 2} = ((9 \pm 6) \cdot a^{3 \pm 2 + 1} + 3x^{3 \pm 2 + 1}) \div a(9 \pm 6 + 3);$$

and this when the affirmative ſign is ſuppoſed to take place, becomes  $y^3 x^2 = (x^6 + 5a^6) \div 6a$ , which agrees with Mr. *Trott's* ſolution to queſtion 63, *Turner's Exercices*.

*The fluents were alſo rightly determined by Mr. Ralph Simpson, of Sunderland-bridge.*

## XIX. QUESTION 27, answered by Mr. Burdon.

Put  $x-y=a$ , and  $(x-y)^z$  or  $a^{z^v} = f$ ; alſo let the *hyp. log.* of  $a, f$ , and  $z$  be repreſented  $A, F$  and  $Z$ ; then will  $\dot{F} = z^v \dot{A} + A \times \text{flux. } z^v$ ;

but fluxion  $z^v = vz^{v-1} \dot{z} + Zz^v \dot{v}$ ;

therefore  $\dot{F} = z^v \dot{A} + (vz^{v-1} \dot{z} + Zz^v \dot{v}) A$ ;

but,  $\dot{A} = a \div a = (\dot{x} - \dot{y}) \div (x - y)$  and  $\dot{F} = \dot{f} \div f$ ;

hence,  $\dot{F} = \dot{f} \div f = z^v \cdot (\dot{x} - \dot{y}) \div (x - y) + (vz^{v-1} \dot{z} + Zz^v \dot{v}) A$ ;

or  $\dot{f} = z^v (\dot{x} - \dot{y}) \cdot (x - y)^{z^v-1} + (vz^{v-1} \dot{z} + Zz^v \dot{v}) \cdot (x - y)^{z^v} \cdot A$ ,  
and this is the fluxion required.

*Remark.* Mr. Richard Elliot of Liverpool, after finding the fluxion the same as Mr. Burdon, says, "if  $y$  be supposed  $\dot{=}$  0; and  $z \dot{=} 1$ , the fluxion will then be  $x^z \dot{z} \times \text{hyp. log. } x + z x^{z-1} \dot{x}$ ," which is the same as determined by Mr. Simpson, at Art. 250, of his Fluxions.

*The same by Mr. Jonathan Mabbot.*

The fluxion of  $(x-y)^{z^v}$ , considering the exponent as constant is  $\dot{=}$   $z^v \cdot (\dot{x}-\dot{y}) \cdot (x-y)^{z^v-1}$ ; and the fluxion of the exponent ( $z^v$ ) is  $\dot{=}$   $v z^{v-1} \dot{z} + z^v \dot{v} \times \text{hyp. log. } z$ . Therefore the fluxion of  $(x-y)^{z^v}$  will be  $\dot{=}$   $z^v \cdot (\dot{x}-\dot{y}) \cdot (x-y)^{z^v-1} + (v z^{v-1} \dot{z} + z^v \dot{v} \times \text{hyp. log. } z) \cdot (x-y)^{z^v} \times \text{hyp. log. } (x-y)$ .

*Otherwise by Mr. John Surtees, of Sunderland.*

This gentleman from page 15, *Emerson's Fluxions*, determines the fluxions the same as is done above, and then adds that "the same may be done without logarithms;" thus the fluxion

$$(x-y)^{z^v} = (x+\dot{x}-y-\dot{y})(z+\dot{z})^{v+\dot{v}} - (x-y)^{z^v};$$

and when the first term is actually raised, and all the insignificant quantities rejected;

$$(x-y)^{z^v+\dot{v}} + v z^{v+\dot{v}-1} \dot{z} + (z^{v+\dot{v}} + v z^{v+\dot{v}-1} \dot{z}) \times (x-y)^{z^v+\dot{v}} + v z^{v+\dot{v}-1} \dot{z} - 1 \times (\dot{x}-\dot{y})$$

$(\dot{x}-\dot{y})-(x-y)^2{}^v$  will be the fluxion required.

*This question was also answered by Messrs. Lowry and Simpton.*

XX. QUESTION 28, will be answered in No. IV.

### ARTICLE XXXI.

Four Propositions from *Lawson*.

*(To be answered in Number V.)*

#### PROP. XVIII.

Let ABC be a triangle inscribed in a circle, whose sides AB and AC are equal, and from A any line be drawn meeting the circle again in D and BC in E; I say that the rectangle DAE is equal to the square of AB.

#### PROP. XIX.

Things remaining as in the last proposition, of lines touching the circle in A and C be drawn to meet in F and FD be drawn cutting BC in G; I say that the rectangle BCG is equal to the square of CE.

#### PROP. XX.

Let ABC be a triangle inscribed in a circle, whose sides AB and AC are equal, and let AD be parallel to BC, and taking any point D therein, let the rectangle under AD and P be equal to the square of AB or AC, and from the points A and D, let the  
lines



lines AE, DE be inflected to any point E in the circle meeting BC in F and G ; I say the rectangle under FG and P is equal to the rectangle BFC.

### PROP. XXI.

If in AB the diameter of a circle be taken two points C and D, such, that  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ , and D be within the circle, and DE be perpendicular to AB meeting the circle in E and F, and if through C any line be drawn meeting the circle in G and H, and the line DE in K, and GL touch the circle in G and meet DE in L ; then I say the rectangle LDK is equal to the square of DE.

### ARTICLE XXXII.

Two Propositions from *Stewart's Theorems*.

*(To be answered in Number V.)*

### PROP. XIX. THEO. XVI.

Let there be any number of right lines given by position intersecting each other in a point, and let  $a, b, c$ , &c. be given magnitudes as many in number as there are right lines given by position ; two right lines may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to the right lines given by position, and likewise there be drawn perpendiculars to the two right lines found, the square of the perpendicular drawn to one of the lines given by position, together with the space to which the square of the perpendicular drawn to another of the lines given by

by position has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of the perpendicular drawn to another of the lines given by position has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the two lines found has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c.

### PROP. XX. THEO. XVII.

Let there be any number of right lines given by position, that are neither all parallel, nor intersecting each other in one point, and let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. be given magnitudes as many in number as there are right lines given by position; two right lines may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to the right lines given by position, and likewise there be drawn perpendiculars to the two right lines found, the square of the perpendicular drawn to one of the lines given by position, together with the space to which the square of the perpendicular drawn to another of the lines given by position has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of the perpendicular drawn to another of the lines given by position has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the two lines found has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. together with a given space.

## ARTICLE XXXIII.

## MATHEMATICAL QUESTIONS,

*(To be answered in Number V.)*

## I. QUESTION 49, by Mr. Richard Wood.

Given the difference of the heights of two mountains, the distance between their tops, and likewise the nearest distance between the surface of the earth and the line connecting their tops:—*Query* the height of each mountain?

## II. QUESTION 50, by Mr. Thomas Bulmer.

Being at sea on the forenoon of April 30th, 1796; I took the altitude of the sun: and two hours after I took another altitude, and found their difference to be  $10^{\circ}$ :—*Query* the latitude of the place (being north) and the true times when the observations were made?

## III. QUESTION 51, by Mr. William Burdon.

Let ABCD be any quadrilateral figure; let the side AD be divided into any number of equal parts in E, F, G, &c. and its opposite side BC into the same number of equal parts in e, f, g, &c.; and if AB, DC be divided in any ratio in K, H, and KH be joined: then I say the straight line KH will cut each of the other lines eE, fF, gG, &c. in the same ratio.—Required the demonstration?

## IV. QUESTION 52, by Mr. John Harris.

What is the diameter of a globe of sound dry oak, which, when immerfed in common water, one  
third

*is above the water  
and two thirds  
is below the water.*

third part of its surface shall remain above the water?

V. QUESTION 53, *by Mr. Ralph Simpson.*

There is a sugar loaf in form of a cone, the radius of whose base is 6 and its altitude 18 inches, suspended by its vertex from the ceiling of a room, in which is a lighted candle; the nearest distance between the top of the candle and the base of the cone is 10 feet, and the nearest between the top of the candle and the ceiling of the room is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  feet; I demand the area of the shadow made by the cone upon the ceiling?

VI. QUESTION 54, *by a Columbian.*

A globe whose diameter was 12 inches, had a hole cut through it of 6 inches square:—*Query* the solidity of the piece cut out?

VII. QUESTION 55, *by Mr. George Brown.*

A ball perfectly elastic, being projected from the top of a tower 80 feet high, with the initial velocity of 1500 feet in a second, and in a direction of  $20^{\circ} 5'$  elevation above the plane of the horizon, is supposed to meet a plane which touches the earth at the bottom of the tower; it is required to find the velocity of the ball, the time it has been in motion, and its distance from the bottom of the tower, at the end of the first reflection?

VIII. QUESTION 56, *by Mr. William Pearson.*

Lunardi in one of his ærial voyages, dropped from his balloon, a leaden bullet of one inch diameter, which fell upon the scaffolding of a building and forced its way through a block of sound elm 4 inches

inches thick, and then fell to the ground, a distance of 60 feet, in one second. Now supposing (according to Dr. *Hutton's* experiments) that a cast-iron ball of 2 inches diameter, impinging perpendicularly on sound elm with a velocity of 1500 feet per second, will penetrate 13 inches in its substance; it is required to determine Lunardi's height above the earth?

IX. QUESTION 37, *by Mr. John Dawes, London, lately of Birmingham.*

Given the distance of the nonagesimal degree from the meridian  $16^{\circ} 44'$ ; the sum of the altitude thereof and the altitude of the culmen cœli  $78^{\circ} 25'$ ; required the altitude of the nonagesimal degree?

X. QUESTION 58, *by Mr. Dawes.*

Given the suns declination  $23^{\circ}$  north, his azimuth from the south  $86^{\circ} 51' 30''$ , and the sum of his altitude and the latitude of the place (north);  $92^{\circ} 4'$  to find the hour and latitude of the place?

XI. QUESTION 59, *by Mr. J. E. H. Wadson.*

Given the hour of the day  $4^h 35'$ , the suns azimuth from the south  $83^{\circ} 41'$  and the sum of his altitude (north declination,) and the latitude of the place (north)  $111^{\circ} 45'$ ; to find the latitude?

XII. QUESTION 60, *by Mr. Wadson.*

Given the latitude of the place  $60\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  (north), the hour of the day  $5^h 30'$  P. M. and the sum of the suns declination (north) and his altitude  $135^{\circ}$ ; required the altitude?

XIII.

XIII. QUESTION 61, *by Mr. J. H. Swale.*

To determine, geometrically, two lines whose ratio shall be given, such, that a given line being taken from each, the rectangle of the differences may be equal to a given square?

XIV. QUESTION 62, *by Mr. John Lowry.*

Given in a plane triangle, the sum of one side and its adjacent segment, and the difference between the other side and its adjacent segment of the base made by the line bisecting the vertical angle, and the sum of the perpendicular and the said bisecting line, to construct it?

XV. QUESTION 63, *by Mr. Lowry.*

Given the perimeter, the rectangle of the sides, and the distance between the vertex and the centre of the inscribed circle of a plane triangle to construct it?

XVI. QUESTION 64, *by Mr. W. Peacock, Surveyor, Birmingham.*

Given the difference between the segments of the base made by the perpendicular, the sum of the squares of the sides, and the area of a plane triangle to construct it?

XVII. QUESTION 65, *by Geometricus.*

Given the sum of the sides, the difference of the angles at the base, and the sum of the perpendicular and difference between the segments of the base made thereby, to construct the plane triangle?

XVIII. QUESTION 66, *by Mr. Louis Hill, Rowley.*

In a plane triangle there is given the difference of the angles at the base, the sum of the difference between the segments of the base made by the perpendicular and the sum of the sides, and the rect-angle of the sides to construct it?

XIX. QUESTION 67, *by Mr. George Sanderfon.*

In the equation  $x - \frac{x + n^2 a^2 x^{2n-1}}{n-1} = y$ , what is the value of  $y$  when  $x=0$ ; and  $n$  equal, greater or less than,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ?

XX. QUESTION 68, *by Mr. Ztrepmog.*

1. Let AB, BC, be the arcs of two different circles, it is proposed to find the radii thereof, having given AC the sum of the two radii, and  $AB + BC$  an extreme value.

2. Let there be given AC the sum of the radii, and the area an extreme value to find the radii.

3. Let there be given AC, (AB being an arc of a parabola, BC an arc of a circle)  $AB + BC$  an extreme value, when area ABC is given to find the latus rectum and radius of the parabola and circle?

# ARTICLE XXXIV.

*Demonstrations to Dr. Stewart's Proposition, proposed in ARTICLE XIX, and also Demonstrations to those two Propositions that has been already proposed as Questions in this Work, viz. Qu. 4 and 19.*

## PROP. IX. THEO. VI. (Qu. 4).

*Demonstrated by Mr. John Lowry.*

LET there be any number of given points A, B, C, &c. (fig. 91, 92.) a point X may be found, such, that if from A, B, C, &c. there be drawn right lines to any point Y, and to the point X found, and if YX be joined, the sum of the squares of AY, BY, CY, &c. may be equal to the sum of the squares of AX, BX, CX, &c. together with the multiple by the number of the given points of the square of XY.

Suppose the number of given points to be three.

Join AB and bisection it in P; join PC and take PX equal to a third part of PC, and X will be the point required.

Join AX, BX, AY, BY, CX and PY; then (Prop. II.) the sum of the squares of AY, BY is equal to twice the sum of the squares AP, PY, and the square of CY, together with twice the square of PY is equal to the rectangle PCX together with three times the square of XY: therefore the sum of the squares of AY, BY, CY is equal to twice the square of AP together with the rectangle PCX together with three times the square of XY.

Again (Prop. II.) the sum of the squares of AX, BX is equal to twice the sum of the squares of AP, PX; and the square of CX to both, and the



sum of the square of  $AX$ ,  $BX$ ,  $CX$  is equal to twice the sum of the squares of  $AP$ ,  $PX$  together with the square of  $CX$ : but  $CX$  is equal to twice  $PX$ ; therefore twice the square of  $PX$  together with the square of  $CX$  is equal to the rectangle  $PCX$ ; and therefore the sum of the squares of  $AY$ ,  $BY$ ,  $CY$  is equal to the sum of the squares of  $AX$ ,  $BX$ ,  $CX$  together with three times (or the multiple by the number of given points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  of) the square of  $XY$ .

*Note 1.* The above method may easily be extended to any number of given points; for, if the number of given points had been supposed four, then  $XD$  being joined, and  $XS$  taken equal to a fourth part of  $XD$ ;  $S$  will be the point required.

*Note 2.* The point found is the centre of gravity of the given points.

*Corollary added, by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of circles given by position, a point  $X$  may be found, such, that tangents being drawn to the circles from that point and from any other point  $Y$ , and  $XY$  be joined, the sum of the squares of the tangents drawn from the point  $Y$  will be equal to the sum of the squares of the tangents drawn from the point  $X$  together with the multiple by the number of the given circles of the square of  $XY$ .

Let  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , &c. (fig. 93, pl. 7.) be the centres of the given circles; find the point  $X$  as in this proposition for the given points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , &c. and it will be the point required. For, from  $X$  draw the tangents  $XG$ ,  $XH$ ,  $XI$ , &c. and from  $Y$  the tangents  $YD$ ,  $YE$ ,  $YF$ , &c. and draw  $AD$ ,  $AG$ ,  $BF$ ,  $BI$ ,  $CE$ ,  $CH$ , &c. from the centres to the points of contact.

Because

Because the angles D, G, F, I, E, H are right ones, the sum of the squares of DY, AD is equal to the square of AY, the sum of the squares of YF, BF is equal to the square of BY, the sum of the squares of YE, CE is equal to the square of CY, and so on; and therefore the sum of the squares of the tangents YD, YE, YF, &c. together with the sum of the squares of the semi-diameters of the circles is equal to the sum of the squares of AY, BY, CY, &c. The same way it is shewn that the sum of the squares of the tangents XG, XH, XI, &c. together with the sum of the squares of the semi-diameters of the circles is equal to the sum of the squares of AX, BX, CX, &c. therefore the difference between the sum of the squares of AY, BY, CY, &c. and the sum of the squares of AX, BX, CX, &c. is equal to the difference between the sum of the squares of the tangents YD, YE, YF, &c. and the sum of the squares of the tangents XG, XH, XI, &c. But, (by this Prop.) the sum of the squares of AY, BY, CY, &c. is equal to the sum of the squares of AX, BX, CX, &c. together with the multiple by the number of given points of the square of XY; therefore the sum of the squares of the tangents YD, YE, YF, &c. is equal to the sum of the squares of the tangents XG, XH, XI, &c. together with the multiple by the number of given circles of the square of XY.

### PROP. A. THEO.

*Added by Mr. Lowry.*

If from any number of given points right lines be drawn to one point such, that the sum of their squares may be equal to a given space; the point of concourse will fall in the circumference of a circle given by position.

Let A, B, C, &c. (fig. 92.) be the given points which the right lines AY, BY, CY, &c. are drawn to another point Y such, that the sum of the squares of AY, BY, CY, &c. may be equal to a given space; the point Y will fall in the circumference of a circle given by position.

Let the point X be found as in the last proposition; then the sum of the squares of AY, BY, CY, &c. is equal to the sum of the squares of AX, BX, CX, &c. together with the multiple by the number of given points of the square of XY. But the sum of the squares of AY, BY, CY, &c. is given (by hypothesis), and the sum of the squares of AX, BX, CX, &c. is given, because X is a given point; therefore the multiple by the number of given points of the square of XY is given; and therefore XY itself is given in magnitude: but the point X is given; and therefore the point Y falls in the circumference of a circle given by position.

*Cor. I.* If tangents be drawn to any number of circles given by position to meet in one point, such, that the sum of their squares may be equal to a given space; the point of concurrence of those tangents will fall in the circumference of a circle given by position.

Let the sum of the squares of YD, YE, YF, &c. (fig. 93, pl. 7.) be equal to a given space; then the sum of the squares of AY, BY, CY, &c. is given, equal to the sum of the squares of YD, YE, YF, &c. together with the sum of the squares of the semi-diameters of the circles; and therefore the point Y falls in the circumference of a circle given by position.

*Cor. II.* If right lines be drawn from any number of given points to one point, and from that point tangents be drawn to any number of circles given by position such, that the sum of the squares of the lines drawn from the given points together with the

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the sum of the squares of the tangents may be equal to a given space, the *locus* of the point of concurrence will be a circle given by position.

*Cor. III.* If right lines be drawn from any number of given points to one point, such, that the difference between the sum of the squares of all the lines except one and the multiple of the square of that one by the number of given points less one be equal to a given space; the *locus* of the point of concurrence will be a right line given by position.

### PROP. B. THEO.

*Added by Mr. Lowry.*

If from A (fig. 94. pl. 7,) the vertex of any triangle ABC there be drawn AD to any point D in the base, and if from D there be taken any equal distances DH, DL: and HF, LG, be drawn parallel to DA meeting AC, AB in F, G; and EQ, GR be drawn parallel to BC, meeting AD in Q, R; the sum of the rectangles CAF, BAG will be equal to the sum of the rectangles CDH, BDL, DAQ, DAR.

Draw AP perpendicular to CB. Because of the parallels, AC is to AF as DC to DH, and as AD to AQ, the square of AC will be to the rectangle CAF as the square of DC to the rectangle CDH, and as the square of AD to the rectangle DAQ, and, as twice the rectangle CDP to twice the rectangle HDP; therefore the square of AC is to the rectangle CAF as the sum of the squares of DC, AD, together with twice the rectangle CDP is to the sum of the rectangles CDH, DAQ, together with twice the rectangle HDP: but, the square of AC is equal to the sum of the squares of DC, AD, together with twice the rectangle CDP; and therefore the rectangle CAF is equal to the sum of the rectangles  
CDH,

CDH, DAQ, together with twice the rectangle HDP. The same way it is shewn that the rectangle BAG is equal to the difference between the sum of the rectangles BDL, DAR and twice the rectangle LDP: but DH is equal to DL; and therefore twice the rectangle HDP is equal to twice the rectangle LDP; therefore the sum of the rectangles CAF, BAG, is equal to the sum of the rectangles CDH, BDL, DAQ, DAR.

PROP. C. THEO. Fig. 94, 95. Plate 7.

*Added by Mr. Lowry.*

In the right line CB, let any point D, between the points C, B, be taken, and from the points B, C, D, let there be drawn right lines to any point A, and DE be any given line; the space to which the square of CA has the same ratio that DE has to DB together with the space to which the square of BA has the same ratio that DE has to DC will be equal to the space to which the square of DC has the same ratio that DE has to DB together with the space to which the square of DB has the same ratio that DE has to DC together with the space to which the square of AD has the same ratio that DE has to CB.

*First.\** When the point A is not in the line CB (fig. 94.)

Take AF to AC as BD to DE, and AG to AB as DC to DE; compleat the parallelograms DHFQ, DLGR. Because the rectangle CAF is to the square of AC as DB to DE, the rectangle CAF will be the space to which the square of AC has the same ratio that DE has to DB. The same way it is shewn, that the rectangle BAG is the space to which the square

\* This is Lemma 10th, Lib. 2. Simson. Loc. Plan. Apoll. of which Dr. Stewart's second Proposition is only a particular case.

square of BA has the same ratio that DE has to DC, that the rectangle CDH is the space which the square of DC has the same ratio that DE has to DB, and that the rectangle BDL is the space to which the square of DB has the same ratio that DE has to DC. Again the rectangle DAQ is to the square of DA as AQ to DA, that is, as DB to DE, and the rectangle DAR is to the square of DA as AR to DA, that is, as DC to DE; therefore the sum of the rectangles DAQ, DAR is to the square of DA as CB to DE; and therefore the sum of the rectangles DAQ, DAR is the space to which the square of DA has the same ratio that DE has to CB. But, DL is to DB as AG to AB or DC to DE, and by permutation DL is to DC as DB to DE, that is, as AF to AC, that is, as DH to DC; therefore DL is equal to DH: and therefore the sum of the rectangles CAF, BAG is equal to the sum of the rectangles CDH, BDL, DAQ, DAR (by Prop. B.) or the space to which the square of CA has the same ratio that DE has to DB together with the space to which the square of BA has the same ratio that DE has to DC is equal to the space to which the square of DC has the same ratio that DE has to DB together with the space to which the square of DB has the same ratio that DE has to DC together with the space to which the square of AD has the same ratio that DE has to CB.

*Second.* When the point A is in the line CB (fig. 95. pl. 7.)

By the second part of Prop. II. the square of CA together with the space to which the square of BA has the same ratio that DB has to DC is equal to the rectangle BCD together with the space to which the square of AD has the same ratio that DB has to CB; therefore the space to which the square of CA has the same ratio that DE has to DB together with the space to which the square of BA has the same ratio that

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that DE has to DC is equal to the space to which the rectangle BCD has the same ratio that DE has to DB together with the space to which the square of AD has the same ratio that DE has to CB. But, the rectangle BCD is equal to the square of CD together with the rectangle CDB, and the space to which the rectangle CDB has the same ratio that DE has to DB is equal to the space to which the square of DB has the same ratio that DE has to DC; therefore the space to which the square of CA has the same ratio that DE has to DB together with the space to which the square of BA has the same ratio that DE has to DC is equal to the space to which the square of DC has the same ratio that DE has to DB together with the space to which the square of DB has the same ratio that DE has to DC together with the space to which the square of AD has the same ratio that DE has to CB.

*Note. The demonstration of the second part, contains also, a demonstration of the first part.*

# PROP. X. THEO. VII. (Qu. 19.)

*Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of given points A, B, C, &c. and let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. be given magnitudes as many in number as there are given points; a point X may be found, such, that if from the given points A, B, C, &c. there be drawn right lines to the point X, and from the given points and the point X there be drawn right lines to any point Y, the square of AY together with the space to which the square of BY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of CY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the square of AX together with the space to which the square

square of BX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of CX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, together with the space to which the square of XY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ , &c.

Let the number of given points be three. Join AB (fig. 91, 92.) and take AP to PB as  $b$  to  $a$ ; join PC and take PX to XC as  $c$  to the sum of  $a, b$ ; and X will be the point required.

Join AX, BX, AY, BY, CY, PX and PY; then (Prop. II.) the square of AY together with the space to which the square of BY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , (PB has to AP) is equal to the rectangle BAP together with the space to which the square of PY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$ ; but (Prop. C.) the space to which the square of CY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$  together with the space to which the square of PY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$  is equal to the space to which the square of PX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$  together with the space to which the square of CX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$  together with the space to which the square of XY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ ; therefore the square of AY together with the space to which the square of BY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$  together with the space to which the square of CY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$  is equal to the rectangle BAP together with the space to which the square of PX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$  together with the space to which the square of CX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$  together with the space to which the square of XY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ . The same way it is shewn that the square of AX together with the space to which the square of BX has the same ratio that  $a$  has



has to  $b$  is equal to the rectangle BAP together with the space to which the square of PX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$ ; and the space to which the square of CX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , to both; then the square of AX together with the space to which the square of BX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$  together with the space to which the square of CX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$  is equal to the rectangle BAP together with the space to which the square of PX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$  together with the space to which the square of CX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ ; and therefore the square of AY together with the space to which the square of BY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$  together with the space to which the square of CY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$  is equal to the square of AX together with the space to which the square of BX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$  together with the space to which the square of CX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$  together with the space to which the square of XY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ .

The above may easily be extended to any number of points.

*Note.* The point found is the centre of gravity of weights proportional to the magnitudes  $a, b, c$ , &c. placed at the given points A, B, C, &c.

*The same demonstrated by Dr. Small.*

Let there be any number of given points A, B, C, &c. and let  $a, b, c$ , &c. be given magnitudes as many in number as there are given points, a point X may be found, such, that if from A, B, C, &c. there be drawn straight lines to any point D, and also to X the point found, and if from DX be joined,

joined,  $a \cdot AD^2 + b \cdot BD^2 + c \cdot CD^2$ , &c.  $= a \cdot AX^2 + b \cdot BX^2 + c \cdot CX^2$ , &c.  $+ (a+b+c)DX^2$ . Let  $m$  be  $= 3$ , (fig. 58, pl. 3). Suppose the point  $X$  found. Join  $DX$ ; from the given points  $A, B, C$ , draw  $AE, BF, CG$ , perpendicular to  $DX$ , and join  $AX, BX, CX$ .

Since  $a \cdot AD^2 + b \cdot BD^2 + c \cdot CD^2 = a \cdot AX^2 + b \cdot BX^2 + c \cdot CX^2 + (a+b+c)DX^2$ ; and  $a \cdot AD^2 = a \cdot AX^2 + a \cdot DX^2 - 2a \cdot DX \cdot XE$  and  $b \cdot BD^2 = b \cdot BX^2 + b \cdot DX^2 + 2b \cdot DX \cdot XF$  and  $c \cdot CD^2 = c \cdot CX^2 + c \cdot DX^2 + 2c \cdot DX \cdot XG$ ; or  $a \cdot AD^2 + b \cdot BD^2 + c \cdot CD^2 = a \cdot AX^2 + b \cdot BX^2 + c \cdot CX^2 + (a+b+c)DX^2 + 2DX(-a \cdot XE + b \cdot XF + c \cdot XG)$ ;  $a \cdot XE$  must be equal, and in the opposite direction to  $b \cdot XF + c \cdot XG$ . This will be effected by the following construction. Join  $AB$ , and divide it in  $H$ , so that  $b \cdot BH = a \cdot AH$ ; that is, make  $AH : BH = b : a$ , and join  $HC$ , and divide it in  $X$ , so that  $HX : CX = c : a+b$ ; or  $(a+b)HX = c \cdot CX$ . Then  $X$  will be the point required.

From  $H$  draw to  $DX$ , the perpendicular  $HK$ .

Since  $a \cdot AH = b \cdot BH$ , we shall have  $a \cdot EK = b \cdot FK$ ; and since  $(a+b)HX = c \cdot CX$ , we shall also have  $(a+b)KX = c \cdot GX$ . Therefore since  $b \cdot XF = b \cdot FK - b \cdot KX$ , and

$c \cdot XG = (a+b)KX$ , we shall have

$$b \cdot XF + c \cdot XG = b \cdot FK + a \cdot KX$$

$$= a \cdot EK + a \cdot KX = a \cdot XE, \text{ and}$$

$$2DX(-a \cdot XE + b \cdot XF + c \cdot XG) = 0; \text{ therefore}$$

$$a \cdot AD^2 + b \cdot BD^2 + c \cdot CD^2 = a \cdot AX^2 + b \cdot BX^2 + c \cdot CX^2 + (a+b+c)DX^2, \text{ or } AD^2 + \frac{b}{a}BD^2 + \frac{c}{a}CD^2$$

$$= AX^2 + \frac{b}{a}BX^2 + \frac{c}{a}CX^2 + \left(\frac{a+b+c}{a}\right)DX^2.$$

*Cor. I. Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of circles given by position, and about every circle let an equilateral figure be described, a point may be found, such, that if from any point  $Y$  there be drawn perpendiculars to all the sides of the figures and a straight line to the point found, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn to the point found, by the number of the sides of the figures together with a given space.

Let  $A, B, C, \&c.$  (fig. 96, pl. 7.) be the centres of the given circles,  $a$  the number of the sides of the figure described about the circle whose centre is  $A$ ,  $b$  the number of the sides of the figure described about the circle whose centre is  $B$ ,  $c$  the number of the sides of the figure described about the circle whose centre is  $C$ ,  $\&c.$  Join the centres  $A, B$ , and take  $AP$  to  $PB$  as  $b$  to  $a$ ; join  $PC$  and take  $PX$  to  $XC$  as  $c$  to the sum of  $a, b$ , and so on; then  $P$  will be the required point for the two circles  $A, B$  and  $X$  the required point for the three circles  $A, B, C, \&c.$

Join  $AY, BY, CY, PY, XY$  and draw  $YG, YH, YI, YK, YD, YE, YF, YL, YM, YN, YO, YR, \&c.$  perpendicular to the sides of the figures; then (Prop. V.) twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars  $YG, YH, YI, YK, \&c.$  is equal to the multiple of the square of  $AY$  by the number  $a$ , together with twice the multiple of the square of the semi-diameter of the circle whose centre is  $A$  by the same number, and twice the sum of the squares of  $YD, YE, YF, \&c.$  is equal to the multiple of the square of  $BY$  by the number  $b$ , together with twice the multiple of the square of the semidiameter of the circle whose centre is  $B$  by the same number, and the sum of the squares of  $YM, YN, YO, YR, \&c.$  is equal to the multiple

ple of the square of  $CY$  by the number  $c$ , together  
 ith twice the multiple of the square of the semi-  
 ameter of the circle whose centre is  $C$  by the  
 me number; therefore twice the sum of the squares  
 the perpendiculars is equal to twice the multiple  
 the squares of the semi-diameters by the number  
 the sides of the figures described about each circle  
 spectively, together with the multiples of  $AY$ ,  
 $Y$ ,  $CY$ , &c. by the same  $a, b, c$ , &c. respectively.  
 ut (by this Prop.) the square of  $AY$ , together  
 ith the space to which the square of  $BY$   
 is the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with  
 e space to which the square of  $CY$  has the same  
 tio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , &c. is equal to the square of  
 $AX$ , together with the space to which the square  
 of  $BX$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together  
 ith the space to which the square of  $CX$  has the  
 ame ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , &c. together with the  
 pace to which the square of  $XY$  has the same  
 atio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ , &c. and  
 herefore the multiple of the square of  $AY$  by the  
 umber  $a$ , together with the multiple of the square  
 of  $BY$  by the number  $b$ , together with the mul-  
 iple of the square of  $CY$  by the number  $c$ , and  
 o on, is equal to the multiple of the squares of  
 $AX, BX, CX$ , &c. by the same numbers respectively,  
 ogether with the multiple of the square of  $XY$   
 y the sum of  $a, b, c$ , &c. therefore twice the sum  
 of the squares of the perpendiculars is equal to twice  
 he multiples of the sum of the squares of the semi-  
 diameters of the given circles, by the number of  
 he sides of the figures described about each circle  
 respectively, together with the multiples of the  
 squares of  $AX, BX, CX$ , &c. by the same num-  
 bers respectively, together with the multiple of the  
 square of  $XY$  by the sum of  $a, b, c$ , &c. But  
 twice the multiple of the sum of the squares of  
 he semi-diameters of the given circles by the num-

ber of the sides of the figures, described about each circle respectively, together with the multiples of the squares of AX, BX, CX, &c. by the same numbers respectively is a given space; therefore twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars is equal to the multiple of the square of XY by the number of the sides of the figures, together with a given space.

*The same Demonstrated by Dr. Small.*

Let the number of circles given by position be two; let  $a$  be the number of the sides of the figure described about the circle whose centre is A,  $b$  the number of the sides of the figure described about the circle whose centre is B, CD, CE, CF, the perpendiculars to the sides of the first figure, and CG, CH, CK, CL, the perpendiculars to the sides of the second, (fig. 38, pl. 2.). Join the centres A, B, and divide AB in X, so that  $AX : BX = b : a$ , X will be the point required.  $2(CD^2 + CE^2 + CF^2) = 2a \cdot AM^2 + a \cdot AC^2$  (Theo. 3.) In like manner  $2(CG^2 + CH^2 + CK^2 + CL^2) = 2b \cdot BN^2 + b \cdot BC^2$ . Therefore  $2(CD^2 + CE^2 + CF^2 + CG^2 + CH^2 + CK^2 + CL^2) = 2a \cdot AM^2 + 2b \cdot BN^2 + a \cdot AC^2 + b \cdot BC^2$ . But,  $a \cdot AC^2 + b \cdot BC^2 = (a+b)AX \cdot BX + (a+b)CX^2$  (Prop. I.) and  $2a \cdot AM^2 + 2b \cdot BN^2 + (a+b)AX \cdot BX$  are given spaces. Therefore  $2(CD^2 + CE^2 + CF^2 + CG^2 + CH^2 + CK^2 + CL^2) = (a+b)CX^2 + A^2$ ,  $A^2$  being a given space.

*Cor. II. Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry.*

Let any number of semi-circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every semi-circle, a point may be found, such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to all the sides of the figures, and a straight line to the point found, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn to the point

point found, by the number of all the sides of the figures, together with a given space. Let A, B, &c. (fig. 97. pl. 7.) be the centres of the given semi-circles,  $a$  the number of the sides of the figure described about the semi-circle whose centre is A,  $b$  the number of the sides of the figure described about the semi-circle whose centre is B, &c. Find the points L, T, as in Prop. VIII. join LT and take LX to XT as  $b$  to  $a$ , and X will be the point required for the two semi-circles A, B.

Let Y be any other point, YD, YE, YF, &c. the perpendiculars to the sides of the figure described about the semi-circle whose centre is A, and YG, YH, YI, YR, &c. the perpendiculars to the sides of the figure described about the semi-circle whose centre is B, &c.

Join LY, TY, &c. and XY; then (Prop. VIII.) twice the sum of the squares of YD, YE, YF, &c. is equal to the multiple of the square of YL by the number  $a$ , together with the multiple of the rectangle KAL by the same number, and twice the sum of the squares of YG, YH, YI, YR, &c. is equal to the multiple of the square of YT by the number  $b$ , together with the multiple of the rectangle SBT by the same number; therefore twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars is equal to the multiple of the square of YL by the number  $a$ , together with the multiple of the square of YT by the number  $b$ , &c. together with the multiples of the rectangles KAL, SBT, by the same numbers  $a$ ,  $b$ , &c. respectively. Again, it is shewn in the same way, as in Cor. 1. that the multiple of the square of YL by the number  $a$ , together with the multiple of the square of YT by the number  $b$ , &c. is equal to the multiple of the square of LX by the number  $a$ , together with the multiple of the square of TX by the number  $b$ , &c. together with the multiple of the square of XY by the

sum of the numbers  $a, b, \&c.$  and therefore twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars is equal to the multiple of the rectangle KAL by the number  $a$ , together with the multiple of the rectangle SBT by the number  $b, \&c.$  together with the multiples of the squares of LX, TX,  $\&c.$  by the same numbers  $a, b, \&c.$  respectively, together with the multiple of the square of XY by the sum of the numbers  $a, b, \&c.$  But the multiple of the rectangle KAL by the number  $a$ , together with the multiple of the rectangle SBT by the number  $b, \&c.$  together with the multiples of the squares of LX, TX,  $\&c.$  by the same numbers  $a, b, \&c.$  respectively, is a given space. Therefore twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars is equal to the multiple of the square of XY by the number of the sides of the figures, together with a given space.

*Cor. III. Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of circles and semi-circles given by position, and about every circle, and semi-circle, let an equilateral figure be described, a point may be found, such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to all the sides of the figures, and a straight line to the point found, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn to the point found, by the number of the sides of the figures, together with a given space.

In addition to the figure to the last corollary, let O be the centre of a circle given by position, and  $c$  the number of the sides of the figure described about it. Join OX and take XP to PO as  $c$  to the sum of  $a, b$ ; then will P be the point required for the circle O, and the two semi-circles A, B.

Join OY, PY, and draw YM, YN, YQ,  $\&c.$  perpendicular to the sides of the figure described about

about the circle. Then (Cor. II.) twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars to the sides of the figures described about the semi-circles, is equal to the multiple of the square of  $XY$  by the number of the sides, together with a given space, and (Prop. V.) twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars  $YM, YN, YQ, \&c.$  is equal to the multiple of the square of  $OY$  by the number  $c$ , together with a given space. But the multiple of the square of  $XY$  by the sum of  $a, b$ , together with the multiple of the square of  $OY$  by the number  $c$ , is equal to the multiple of the square of  $PX$  by the sum of  $a, b$ , together with the multiple of the square of  $PO$  by the number  $c$ , together with the multiple of the square of  $PY$  by the sum of  $a, b, c$ , that is, equal to a given space, together with the multiple of the square of  $PY$  by the sum of  $a, b, c$ ; therefore twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars is equal to the multiple of the square of  $PY$  by the number of the sides of the figures, together with a given space.

*Cor. IV. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let any number of segments of circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every segment, a point may be found, such, that if from any point there be drawn right lines to all the points of contact made by the circumscribing figures, and also to the point found, the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to the points of contact will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn to the point found, by the number of the sides of the figures, together with a given space.

*Cor.*



*Cor. V. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let any number of circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be inscribed in every circle, a point may be found, such; that if from any point right lines be drawn to all the angles of the figures, and also to the point found, the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to the angles of the figures will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn to the point found by the number of the sides of the figures, together with a given space.

*Cor. VI. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let any number of semi-circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be inscribed in every semi-circle, a point may be found, such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to all the sides of the figures, and a right line to the point found, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn to the point found by the number of the sides of the figures, together with a given space.

*Cor. VII. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of circles and segments of circles given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every segment, and also, let an equilateral figure be inscribed in every circle, a point may be found, such, that if from any point there be drawn right lines to all the points of contact made by the circumscribing figures, and also to all the angles of the inscribed figures, and to the point found, the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to the points of contact of the circumscribed figures, together with the sum of the squares

squares of the lines drawn to the angles of the inscribed figures will be equal to the multiple of the square of the line drawn to the point found by the number of the sides of the figures, together with a given space.

PROP. D. THEO\*.

*Added by Mr. Lowry.*

If from any number of given points, right lines be drawn to one point, such, that the sum of the rectilineal figures given in species described upon them, may be equal to a given space; their point of concourse will fall in the circumference of a circle given by position.

Let the points A, B, C, &c. (fig. 92, pl. 7.) be given, from whence the right lines AY, BY, CY, &c. are drawn to the point Y, such, that the sum of the rectilineal figures given in species described upon them, may be equal to a given space.

Because the figures are given in species, their ratios to the squares of the lines upon which they are described will be given. Let the ratio of the figure described upon AY, be to the square of AY as  $a$  to  $m$ , and the ratio of the figure described upon BY, be to the square of BY as  $b$  to  $m$ , and the ratio of the figure described upon CY, be to the square of CY as  $c$  to  $m$ , &c. and let the point X be found (by Prop. X.) for the given points A, B, C, &c. and the given magnitudes  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. Join AX, BX, CX, &c. and XY; then (Prop. X.) the square of AY, together with the space to which the square of BY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to

\* This Prop. and Prop. A, contains the whole of the Fifth Prop. of the Second Book of *Apollonius on Plani Loci*.

which

which the square of  $CY$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , &c. is equal to the square of  $AX$ , together with the space to which the square of  $BX$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $CX$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , &c. together with the space to which the square of  $XY$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ , &c. therefore the space to which the square of  $AY$  has the same ratio that  $m$  has to  $a$ , together with the space to which the square of  $BY$  has the same ratio that  $m$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $CY$  has the same ratio that  $m$  has to  $c$ , &c. is equal to the square of  $AX$ , together with the space to which the square of  $BX$  has the same ratio that  $m$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $CX$  has the same ratio that  $m$  has to  $c$ , &c. together with the space to which the square of  $XY$  has the same ratio that  $m$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ , &c. that is, the sum of the rectilinear figures described upon  $AY, BY, CY$ , &c. is equal to the similar figures described upon  $AX, BX, CX$ , &c. together with the space to which the square of  $XY$  has the same ratio that  $m$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ , &c. But the sum of the figures described upon  $AX, BX, CX$ , &c. is equal to a given space, because the lines  $AX, BX, CX$ , &c. are given, and the figures described upon them are given in species; therefore the space to which the square of  $XY$  has the same ratio that  $m$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ , &c. is given; and therefore  $XY$  itself is given in magnitude; but the point  $X$  is given; therefore the point  $Y$  falls in the circumference of a circle given by position.

*Cor. 1.* If from any number of given points, right lines be drawn to one point, such, that the sum of the areas of the circles described upon them

as diameters may be equal to a given space; their point of concourse will fall in the circumference of a circle given by position.

*Cor. 2.* Let any number of circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every circle, and perpendiculars be drawn to the sides of the figures to meet in one point, such, that the sum of their squares may be equal to a given space; the *locus* of that point will be a circle given by position.

*Cor. 3.* Let any number of semi-circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every semi-circle, and if perpendiculars be drawn to all the sides of the figures to meet in one point, such, that the sum of their squares may be equal to a given space; the *locus* of that point will be a circle given by position.

*Cor. 4.* Let any number of circles and semi-circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every circle and semi-circle, and if perpendiculars be drawn to all the sides of the figures to meet in one point, such, that the sum of their squares may be equal to a given space, the *locus* of that point will be a circle given by position.

*Cor. 5.* Let any number of segments of circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every segment, and from all the points of contact let right lines be drawn to meet in one point, such, that the sum of their squares may be equal to a given space; the *locus* of that point will be a circle given by position.

*Cor. 6.* Let any number of circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be inscribed in every circle, then if right lines be drawn from all the angles of the figures to meet in one point, such, that the sum of their squares may be equal to a given space; the *locus* of that point will be a circle given by position.

*Cor. 7.* Let there be any number of semi-circles given by position, and let an equilateral figure be inscribed in every semi-circle, then if perpendiculars be drawn to all the sides of the figures to meet in one point, such, that the sum of their squares may be equal to a given space; the *locus* of that point will be a circle given by position.

*Cor. 8.* Let any number of circles and segments of circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every segment, and also, let an equilateral figure be inscribed in every circle, then if right lines be drawn from all the points of contact of the circumscribed figure, and also from all the angles of the inscribed figures to meet in one point, such, that the sum of their squares may be equal to a given space; the *locus* of that point will be a circle given by position.

### PROP. XI., THEO. VIII.

*Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of given points A, B, C, &c. (fig. 98, pl. 7.) two points X, Y may be found, such, that if from any point P there be drawn right lines to A, B, C, &c. and to X, Y, the two points found, twice the sum of the squares of AP, BP, CP, &c. will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of PX, PY by the number of given points. Find the point O as in Prop. IX. for the given points A, B, C, &c. and let a square be found, whose multiple by the number of given points may be equal to the sum of squares of AO, BO, CO, &c. with a distance equal to the side of this square; and about the point O as a centre, let a circle be described, and the extremities X, Y of any diameter will be two such points as are required.

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By Prop. IX. the sum of the squares of AP, BP, CP, &c. is equal to the sum of the squares of AO, BO, CO, &c. together with the multiple by the number of given points of the square of OP. And (*by construction*) the sum of the squares of AO, BO, CO, &c. is equal to the multiple by the number of the given points of the square of the semi-diameter OX, (or OY); therefore twice the sum of the squares of AP, BP, CP, &c. is equal to twice the multiple by the number of given points of the sum of the squares of OX, OP. But, XY is bisected in O; therefore (Prop. II. Cor.) twice the sum of the squares OX, OP, is equal to the sum of the squares XP, YP; and therefore twice the sum of the squares of AP, BP, CP, &c. is equal to the multiple by the number of the given points of the squares of PX, PY.

*The same demonstrated by Dr. Small.*

Let there be any number,  $m$ , of given points A, B, C, &c. two points X, Y, may be found, such, that if from any point D, straight lines be drawn to A, B, C, &c. and to X, Y,  $2(DA^2 + DB^2 + DC^2) = m(DX^2 + DY^2)$ . This proposition follows directly from Theor. 6. Let  $m=3$ , and let E (fig. 39, pl. 2.) be the centre of gravity of the three points A, B, C. The squares of EA, EB, EC, are given, and consequently a square  $= \frac{1}{3}(EA^2 + EB^2 + EC^2)$  may be found. On E with the distance EX equal to the side of this square, describe a circle. The extremities X, Y, of any diameter, will be two such points as are required. For,

$$DA^2 + DB^2 + DC^2 = EA^2 + EB^2 + EC^2 + 3 \cdot ED^2, \text{ (Theor. 6.)}$$

$$\text{But, } EA^2 + EB^2 + EC^2 = 3 \cdot EX^2, \text{ therefore}$$

$$2(DA^2 + DB^2 + DC^2) = 6(EX^2 + ED^2)$$

$$= 3(DX^2 + DY^2) \text{ (Prop. I.)}$$

*Corollary added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of circles given by position

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# PROP. XII. THEO. IX.

*Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of given points A, B, C, &c. (fig. 98, pl. 7.) and let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. be given magnitudes as many in number as there are given points, two points X, Y may be found, such, that if from any point P right lines be drawn to A, B, C, &c. and to X, Y, the two points found, the square of AP together with the space to which the square of BP has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$  together with the space to which the square of CP has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$  and so on, will be equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of PX, PY, has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c.

Find the point O as in Prop. X. for the given points A, B, C, &c. and the given magnitudes  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. and let a square be found equal to the space to which the square of AO together with the space to which the square of BO has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$  together with the space to which the square of CO has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , &c. has the same ratio that the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. has to  $a$ .

Then with a distance equal to the side of this square and centre O, let a circle be described; and the extremities X, Y of any diameter, will be two such points as are required.

By Prop. X. the square of AP together with the space to which the square of BP has the same ratio that

that  $a$  has to  $b$  together with the space to which the square of CP has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , &c. is equal to the square of AO together with the space to which the square of BO has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$  together with the space to which the square of CO has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , &c. together with the space to which the square of OP has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. And (*by construction*) the square of AO together with the space to which the square of BO has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$  together with the space to which the square of CO has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , &c. is equal to the space to which the square of the semi-diameter OX (or OY) has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. therefore the square of AP together with the space to which the square of BP has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$  together with the space to which the square of CP has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , &c. is equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of OP, OX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. that is, equal (because the sum of the squares of PX, PY is equal to twice the sum of the squares of OP, OX, by *Cor. to Prop. II.*) to the space to which the sum of the squares of PX, PY has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c.

*The same demonstrated by Dr. Small.*

Let there be any number,  $m$ , of given points A, B, C, &c. and let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. be given magnitudes, as many in number as there are given points, two points X, Y, may be found, such, that if from any point D there be drawn straight lines to A, B, C, &c. and to X, Y.

$$DA^2 + \frac{b}{a}DB^2 + \frac{c}{a}DC^2 \&c. = \left( \frac{a+b+c}{2a} \right) (DX^2 + DY^2)$$

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This Proposition follows, in the same manner from Theor. 7. as the last did from Theor. 6. Let  $m=3$ . Let E (fig. 39, plate 2.) be a point such

that  $DA^2 + \frac{b}{a}DB^2 + \frac{c}{a}DC^2 = EA^2 + \frac{b}{a}EB^2 + \frac{c}{a}EC^2$

$\left(\frac{a+b+c}{a}\right)ED^2$ . On E as a centre, with the distance

$$EX = \sqrt{\frac{a}{a+b+c}(EA^2 + \frac{b}{a}EB^2 + \frac{c}{a}EC^2)}$$

describe a circle. The extremities X, Y, of any diameter, will be two such points as are required. For

$$DA^2 + \frac{b}{a}DB^2 + \frac{c}{a}DC^2 = EA^2 + \frac{b}{a}EB^2 + \frac{c}{a}EC^2 + \left(\frac{a+b+c}{a}\right)ED^2,$$

$$\text{and } EA^2 + \frac{b}{a}EB^2 + \frac{c}{a}EC^2 = \left(\frac{a+b+c}{a}\right)EX^2. \text{ Therefore}$$

$$2(DA^2 + \frac{b}{a}DB^2 + \frac{c}{a}DC^2) = 2\left(\frac{a+b+c}{a}\right)(ED^2 + EX^2) =$$

$$\left(\frac{a+b+c}{a}\right)(DX^2 + DY^2), \text{ (Prop. I.) Or,}$$

$$DA^2 + \frac{b}{a}DB^2 + \frac{c}{a}DC^2 = \left(\frac{a+b+c}{2a}\right)(DX^2 + DY^2).$$

*Cor. I. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of circles given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every circle; two points may be found, such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to all the sides of the figures, and right lines to the two points found, four times the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars will be equal to the multiple by the number of the sides of the figures of the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to the two points found.

*Cor.*

*Cor. II. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of semi-circles given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every semi-circle, two points may be found, such, that if from any point perpendiculars be drawn to all the sides of the figures, and right lines to the two points found, four times the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars will be equal to the multiple by the number of the sides of the figures of the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to the two points found.

*Cor. III. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let any number of circles and semi-circles be given by position, and about every circle and semi-circle let an equilateral figure be described, two points may be found, such that if from any point perpendiculars be drawn to all the sides of the figures, and right lines to the two points found, four times the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars will be equal to the multiple by the number of the sides of the figures of the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to the two points found.

*Cor. IV. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let any number of segments of circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every segment, two points may be found, such, that if from any point there be drawn right lines to all the points of contact of the circumscribed figures, and to the two points found, twice the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to the points of contact will be equal to the multiple by the number of all the sides of the figures of the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to the two points found.

*Cor. V. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let any number of circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be inscribed in every circle; two points may be found, such, that if from any point there be drawn right lines to all the angles of the inscribed figures, and to the two points found, twice the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to all the angles of the inscribed figures will be equal to the multiple by the number of the sides of the figures of the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to the two points found.

*Cor. VI. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let any number of semi-circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be inscribed in every semi-circle; two points may be found, such, that if from any point perpendiculars be drawn to all the sides of the figure, and right lines to the two points found, four times the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars will be equal to the multiple by the number of the sides of the figures of the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to the two points found.

*Cor. VII. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let any number of circles and segments of circles be given by position, and let an equilateral figure be described about every segment, and also, let an equilateral figure be inscribed in every circle; two points may be found, such, that if from any point, right lines be drawn to all the points of contact of the circumscribed figures, and to all the angles of the inscribed figures, and to the two points found, twice the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to all the points of contact of the circumscribed figures, and to all the angles of the inscribed figures will be equal to the multiple by the number of all the sides of the figures

figures of the sum of the squares of the lines drawn to the two points found.

PROP. XIII. THEO. X.

*Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of right lines AL, BM, CN, &c. (fig. 99, pl. 7.) given by position, and parallel to each other; a right line XY may be found parallel to them, such, that if from any point P there be drawn PABC, &c. perpendicular to the given lines, the sum of the squares of AP, BP, CP, &c. will be equal to the multiple by the number of given lines of the square of PX, together with a given space. Find the point X as in Prop. IX. for the given points A, B, C, &c. through X draw the right line XY parallel to the given lines, and it will be the line required.

By Prop. IX. The sum of the squares of AP, BP, CP, &c. is equal to the sum of the squares of AX, BX, CX, &c. together with the multiple by the number of the given lines of the square of PX.

But, the sum of the squares of AX, BX, CX, &c. is a given space; therefore the sum of the squares of AP, BP, CP, &c. is equal to the multiple by the number of the given lines of the square of PX together with a given space.

*The same demonstrated by Dr. Small.*

Let there be any number,  $m$ , of parallel straight lines AB, CD, EF, &c. (fig. 40, plate 2.) given by position, a straight line XY may be found parallel to them, such, that if from any point G, perpendiculars GA, GC, GE, &c. be drawn to AB, CD, EF, &c. and the line GX perpendicular to XY,

$$GA^2 +$$

$GA^2 + GC^2 + GE^2, \&c. = m \cdot GX^2 + A^2, A^2$   
being a given space.

This proposition is one of the simplest cases of Theor. 6. A line XY parallel to AB, drawn through X, the centre of gravity of the points A, C, E, where a perpendicular from G, meets the parallels AB, CD, EF will be the line required. For,

$GA^2 + GC^2 + GE^2 = XA^2 + XC^2 + XE^2 + 3GX^2$  (Theor. 6.)  
and  $XA^2 + XC^2 + XE^2$  is a given space.

#### PROP. XIV. THEO. XI.

*Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of right lines AB, AC, AD, &c. (fig. 100, plate 7.) intersecting each other in the point A, and making all the angles about the point A equal, and from any point P let the perpendiculars PB, PC, PD, &c. be drawn to AB, AC, AD, &c. and AP be joined, twice the sum of the squares of PB, PC, PD, &c. will be equal to the multiple by the number of lines of the square of AP.

Because the angles at B, C, D, &c. are right, the points B, C, D, &c. will be in the circumference of a circle whose diameter is AP; therefore (Lem. II.) because the circle passes through A, the circumference will be divided into equal parts in the points B, C, D, &c. as many in number as there are right lines AB, AC, AD, &c. and therefore (Prop. IV.) the sum of the squares of PB, PC, PD, &c. will be equal to twice the multiple of the square of the semi-diameter, or half AP, by the number of the given points A, B, C, &c. therefore the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars PB, PC, PD, &c. is equal to the multiple of the square of AP by the number of right lines.

*The same demonstrated by Dr. Small.*

Let there be any number,  $m$ , of right lines AB, AC,  
AD,

AD, &c. (fig. 43, plate 2.) intersecting in a point A, so as to make all the angles round it equal; and from any point E, let perpendiculars EB, EC, ED, &c. be drawn to AB, AC, AD, &c. and let AE be joined,  $2(EB^2 + EC^2 + ED^2, \&c.) = m \cdot EA^2$ .

This proposition follows directly from the first case of Theor. 2. Let  $m=3$ . The points B, C, D are in a circle of which EA is the diameter, and therefore (Lem. II.) the arches BC, CD, DB, are equal. Therefore

$$2(EB^2 + EC^2 + ED^2) = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot R^2 = 3 \cdot EA^2 +$$

+ R is the radius of the circle ABC.

*Cor. I. Demonstrated by Dr. Small.*

If AB, AC, AD, intersect one another in a given point A, and make all the angles round it equal; and if from any point E there be drawn perpendiculars to AB, AC, AD; and if the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars be equal to a given space, the point E will be in the circumference of a given circle.

The double of the given space is  $m \cdot AE^2$ , therefore AE is given in magnitude, and since the point A is given, the point E is in the circumference of a given circle.

*Cor. II. Added by Dr. Small.*

If the circumference of a circle FGH, of which the radius is R, be divided into  $m$  number of equal parts, by the semi-diameters AF, AG, AH, &c. making with any diameter EN the angles FAE, GAN, HAE, &c. twice the sum of the squares of the sines, or cosines of these angles will be  $= mR^2$ .

Let  $m=3$ .

FK=EB; GL=EC; HM=ED. Therefore  $2(FK^2 + GL^2 + HM^2) = 3EA^2 = 3R^2$ .

In the same manner, AK=AB; AL=AC; AM=AD. Therefore  $2(AK^2 + AL^2 + AM^2) = 3EA^2 = 3R^2$ .

ARTICLE

## ARTICLE XXXV.

*Demonstrations to Lawson's Propositions proposed in*  
ARTICLE XX.

## PROP. XI.

Peletarius.

## ANALYSIS

137, Plate 10.

LET DG  
let H  
HG, HD.

By hyp.

but  
therefore

or

but

and

therefore

and therefore the angle DCH is a right angle.

Q. Q. V.

$$EDF = DG^2;$$

$$DG^2 = ACB + CD^2;$$

$$DG^2 + HG^2 = ACB + CD^2 + HA^2;$$

$$DG^2 + HG^2 = HD^2;$$

$$ACB + HA^2 = HC^2;$$

$$HD^2 = HC^2 + DC^2;$$

## SYNTHESIS.

Since the angle DCH is a right angle,

$$HD^2 = HC^2 + DC^2;$$

but

$$HD^2 = GD^2 + GH^2;$$

therefore

$$GD^2 + GH^2 = DC^2 + HC^2;$$

take the square of

GH or AH from each,

and

$$GD^2 = EDF = ACB + CD^2.$$

Q. E. D.

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*The same by Mr. Lowry.*

Draw DAK and join BK.  
 By sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $AC : AD :: AK : AB$  :  
 therefore  $BAC = DAK$  :  
 but Eu. II. 3.  $BAC + AC^2 = ACB$ ,  
 and  $DAK + AD^2 = DAK + CA^2 + CD^2 = ADK$  ;  
 therefore  $ADK = ACB + CD^2$  :  
 but Eu. III. 36. Cor.  $ADK = EDF$  ;  
 therefore  $EDF = ACB + CD^2$ .  
Q. E. D.

Mr. Burdon's demonstration is exactly the same as Mr. Lowry's.

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

Join DB and let it meet the circle in I.  
 By hyp.  $EDF = ACB + CD^2$ ,  
 but  $EDF = IDB$  ;  
 therefore  $IDB = ACB + CD^2$  :  
 but  $CD^2 = BD^2 - CB^2$  ;  
 wherefore  $IDB = ACB + BD^2 - CB^2$  :  
 but  $DB^2 = IDB + IDB$ ,  
 and  $CB^2 = ACB + ABC$  ;  
 therefore  $IBD + IDB = ABC + IDB$  ;  
 wherefore  $IBD = ABC$ .

Now this we shall find to be true, if a circle be conceived to be drawn through the points A, C, D and I.

*The same by Mr. Campbell.*

Let BD be drawn intersecting the circle in I, and join IA.

By sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $CB : DB :: IB : AB$  ;  
 therefore  $ABC = DBI$ ,  
 or  $CB \cdot (CB - CA) = DB \cdot (BD - DI)$ ,  
or



or  $CB^2 - ACB = DB^2 - BDI$   
 that is,  $IDB = ACB + DB^2 - CB^2$ ;  
 but  $IDB = EDF$  and  $DB^2 - CB^2 = CD^2$ ;  
 therefore  $EDF = ACB + CD^2$ .

Q. E. D.

## PROP. XII.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.**ANALYSIS. Fig. 138, Plate 10.*

By hyp.  $2FHG = HD^2 + HE^2$ ;  
 but  $2CH^2 + 2CD^2 = HD^2 + HE^2$ ;  
 therefore  $FHG = CD^2 + CH^2$ ;  
 but, Prop. XI.  $FHG = ACB + CH^2$ ;  
 therefore  $CD^2 + CH^2 = ACB + CH^2$ ;  
 and therefore  $CD^2 = ACB$ .

Q. Q. V.

## SYNTHESIS.

Since  $ACB = CD^2$   
 but, Prop. XI.  $ACB + CH^2 = CD^2 + CH^2$ ;  
 therefore  $ACB + CH^2 = FHG$ ;  
 and  $FHG = CD^2 + CH^2$ ;  
 but  $2FHG = 2CD^2 + 2CH^2$ ;  
 therefore  $HD^2 + HE^2 = 2CD^2 + 2CH^2$ ;  
 therefore  $2FHG = HD^2 + HE^2$ .

Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Lowry.*

By Prop. XI.  $FHG = ACB + CH^2$ ;  
 but, by hyp.  $CD^2 = ACB$ ;  
 therefore  $FHG = CD^2 + CH^2$ ;  
 and  $2FHG = 2CD^2 + 2CH^2$ ;  
 but  $HD = CD - CH$  and  $HE = CD + CH$ ;  
 therefore  $HD^2 + HE^2 = 2CD^2 + 2CH^2$ ;  
 and therefore  $2FHG = HD^2 + HE^2$ .

Q. E. D.

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*The same demonstrated by Mr. Burdon.*

By Prop. XI.  $CH^2 = FHG - ACB,$   
 and Eu. II. 5.  $CH^2 = CE^2 - DHE;$   
 therefore  $FHG - ACB = CE^2 - DHE;$   
 but, by hyp.  $ACB = CD^2 = CE^2;$   
 therefore  ${}_2FHG = {}_4CE^2 - {}_2DHE,$   
 but Eu. II. 4.  $DH^2 + HE^2 = {}_4CE^2 (DE^2) - {}_2HDE;$   
 consequently,  ${}_2FHG = DH^2 + EH^2.$   
Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

Join DB, HB, and let HB meet the circle in I.  
 By hyp.  ${}_2FHG = HD^2 + HE^2,$   
 but  ${}_2FHG = {}_2IHB;$   
 therefore  ${}_2IHB = HD^2 + HE^2;$   
 but  $HD^2 + HE^2 = DE^2 - {}_2DHE$   
 $= {}_4CD^2 - {}_2DHE = {}_4ACB - {}_2DHE,$   
 and  ${}_2DHE = {}_2DH \cdot (DH + {}_2CH)$   
 $= {}_2DH^2 + {}_4DHC = {}_2DB^2 - {}_2HB^2$   
 $= {}_2ACB - {}_2CH^2.$   
 Hence  ${}_2IHB = {}_2ACB + {}_2CH^2,$   
 and  $IHB = ACB + CH^2;$   
 and therefore  $FHG = ACB + CH^2,$   
 which is true by the eleventh Proposition.  
Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Campbell.*

By Prop. XI.  $FHG = ACB + CH^2$   
 $= CE^2 + CH^2 = HE^2 - {}_2HCE$   
 $= HE^2 - (HE + HD) \cdot \frac{1}{2}(HE - HD) = HE^2 - \frac{1}{2}(HE^2 - HD^2)$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}HE^2 + \frac{1}{2}HD^2;$   
 and therefore  ${}_2FHG = HE^2 + HD^2.$   
Q. E. D.

## PROP. XIII.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.**ANALYSIS. Fig. 139, 140. Plate X.*

By hyp.  
but  
and Prop. XI.  
therefore  
and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} DG^2 &= EGF : \\ DG^2 &= DC^2 + GC^2 ; \\ EGF &= ACB + GC^2 ; \\ DC^2 + GC^2 &= ACB + GC^2 ; \\ DC^2 &= ACB. \end{aligned}$$

Q. Q. V.

*SYNTHESIS.*

Since  
therefore  
but  
and Prop. XI.  
therefore

$$\begin{aligned} DC^2 &= ACB, \\ DC^2 + GC^2 &= ACB + GC^2 ; \\ DC^2 + GC^2 &= DG^2 ; \\ ACB + GC^2 &= EGF ; \\ DG^2 &= EGF. \end{aligned}$$

Q. E. D.

*Conversely.**ANALYSIS.*

By hyp.  
therefore.  
but Prop. XI.  
and  
therefore

$$\begin{aligned} DC^2 &= ACB ; \\ DC^2 + GC^2 &= ACB + GC^2 ; \\ EGF &= ACB + GC^2 ; \\ GD^2 &= DC^2 + GC^2 ; \\ GD^2 &= EGF. \end{aligned}$$

Q. Q. V.

*SYNTHESIS.*

By Analysis  
but  
and Prop. XI.  
therefore  
and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} GD^2 &= EGF ; \\ GD^2 &= DC^2 + GC^2 ; \\ EGF &= ACB + GC^2 ; \\ DC^2 + GC^2 &= ACB + GC^2 ; \\ DC^2 &= ACB. \end{aligned}$$

Q. E. D.

Th

*The same by Mr. Lowry.*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Prop. XI.} & \text{EGF} = \text{ACB} + \text{CG}^2, \\ \text{hyp.} & \text{CD}^2 = \text{ACB}; \\ \text{re} & \text{EGF} = \text{CD}^2 + \text{CG}^2 = \text{DG}^2. \\ & \text{Q. E. D.} \end{array}$$

*Conversely.*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Prop. XI.} & \text{EGF} = \text{ACB} + \text{CG}^2, \\ \text{hyp.} & \text{EGF} = \text{DG}^2 = \text{CD}^2 + \text{CG}^2; \\ \text{re} & \text{ACB} = \text{CD}^2. \\ & \text{Q. E. D.} \end{array}$$

*The same by Mr. Burdon.*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{hyp.} & \text{CD}^2 = \text{ACB}, \\ \text{Prop. XI.} & \text{CG}^2 = \text{EGF} - \text{ACB}; \\ \text{re} & \text{CD}^2 + \text{CG}^2 = \text{EGF}; \\ & \text{CD}^2 + \text{CG}^2 = \text{DG}^2; \\ \text{re} & \text{DG}^2 = \text{EGF}. \\ & \text{Q. E. D.} \end{array}$$

*Conversely.*

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{hyp.} & \text{EGF} = \text{DG}^2 = \text{CD}^2 + \text{CG}^2, \\ \text{Prop. XI.} & \text{EGF} = \text{CG}^2 + \text{ACB}; \\ \text{re} & \text{CD}^2 = \text{ACB}. \\ & \text{Q. E. D.} \end{array}$$

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{hyp.} & \text{GD}^2 = \text{EGF}, \\ \text{I. 47.} & \text{GD}^2 = \text{GC}^2 + \text{DC}^2; \\ \text{re} & \text{EGF} = \text{GC}^2 + \text{DC}^2; \\ \text{p. XI.} & \text{EGF} = \text{ACB} + \text{CG}^2; \\ \text{re} & \text{CD}^2 = \text{ACB}. \\ & \text{Q. Q. V.} \end{array}$$

*Conversely.*

By hyp.  
and Eu. I. 47.  
therefore  
but Prop. XI.  
wherefore

$$\begin{aligned} CD^2 &= ACB, \\ CD^2 &= DG^2 - CG^2; \\ ACB + CG^2 &= DG^2; \\ ACB + CG^2 &= EGF; \\ DG^2 &= EGF. \end{aligned}$$

Q. Q. V.

*The same by Mr. Campbell.*

By hyp.  $ACB + CG^2 = CD^2 + CG^2 = GD^2$ ,  
and Prop. XI.  $ACB + CG^2 = EGF^2$ ;  
therefore  $GD^2 = EGF$ .

Q. E. D.

*Conversely.*

By hyp.  
and Prop. XI.  
therefore

$$\begin{aligned} EGF &= GD^2 = CD^2 + CG^2, \\ EGF &= ACB + CG^2; \\ CD^2 &= ACB. \end{aligned}$$

Q. E. D.

## PROP. XIV.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.**ANALYSIS. Fig. 139, 140. Plate X.*

Draw EL, FM parallel to CD and meeting CG  
in L, M,

By hyp.  
therefore  
that is  
but  
and  
therefore  
wherefore  
theref. conv. Prop. XIII.

$$\begin{aligned} gCH &= CD^2; \\ CH : CD &:: CD : Cg, \\ FM : CD &:: CD : EL; \\ FM : CD &:: GF : GD, \\ CD : EL &:: GD : GE; \\ GF : GD &:: GD : GE; \\ GD^2 &= EGF; \\ CD^2 &= ACB. \end{aligned}$$

Q. Q. V.  
SYNTHE.

## SYNTHESIS.

e	$CD^2 = ACB;$
p. XIII.	$GD^2 = EGF;$
re	$GF:GD::GD:GE;$
	$FM:CD::GF:GD,$
	$CD:EL::GD:GE;$
re	$FM:CD::CD:EL,$
	$CH:CD::CD:Cg;$
re	$gCH = CD^2.$
	<i>Q. E. D.</i>

*The same by Messrs. Lowry and Burdon.*

. $\Delta$ 's	$DF:DG::DH:DC,$
	$DE:DG::Dg:DC;$
comp. et divid.	$GF:GD::CH:CD,$
	$GE:GD::Cg:CD;$
re	$EGF:GD^2::gCH:CD^2:$
prop. XIII.	$GD^2 = EGF;$
re	$CD^2 = gCH.$
	<i>Q. E. D.</i>

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

## ANALYSIS.

typ.	$gCH = CD^2;$
re	$gC:DC::DC:HC,$
parallels	$gC:DC::EG:DG;$
re	$DC:HC::EG:DG:$
	$DC:DH:DG:DF,$
npounding	$DC:HC::DG:GF;$
equality	$EG:DG::DG:FG;$
re	$GD^2 = EGF,$
is true by the thirteenth proposition.	

*The same by Mr. Campbell.*

lu. VI. 2.	$GF:GD::CH:CD;$
re	$GF^2:GD^2::CH^2:CD^2.$
	Cc 3
	But

But  $GD^2 = CD^2 + CG^2 = ACB + CG^2$ ,  
 and Prop. XI.  $ACB + CG^2 = EGF$ ;  
 therefore  $GD^2 = EGF$ .  
 Hence it will be  $GF^2 : EGF :: CH^2 : CD^2$ ;  
 but  $GF : GE :: CH : Cg$ ;  
 and therefore  $GF^2 : EGF :: CH^2 : gCH$ ;  
 wherefore  $CD^2 = gCH$ .

Q. E. D.

## PROP. XV.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.**ANALYSIS. Fig. 141, Plate 10.*

Let F be the centre of the circle and join FD.  
 Since  $AC : BC :: AE : BE$ ,  
 and AB is bisected in F;  
 by Prop. I.  $CEF = AEB$ ;  
 add the square of EF to each  
 and  $CFE = AF^2 = DF^2$ ;  
 therefore  $CF : DF :: DF : EF$ ;  
 therefore the  $\Delta$ 's CDF, EDF, are equi-angular;  
 and therefore the  $\angle CDF = \angle DEF$ ;  
 but the  $\angle DEF$  is a right-angle;  
 therefore the  $\angle CDF$  is a right-angle,  
 and therefore CD touches the circle in D.

Q. Q. V.

## SYNTHESIS.

Because CD touches the circle,  
 the  $\angle CDF$  will be a right-angle;  
 but, the  $\angle DEF$  is a right-angle;  
 therefore the  $\Delta$ 's CDF, DEF are equi-angular;  
 and therefore  $CF : DF :: DF : EF$ ;  
 wherefore  $CFE = DF^2 = AF^2$ ;  
 take the square of EF from each,  
 and  $CEF = AEB$ ;  
 but AB is bisected in F;  
 theref. conv. Prop. I.  $AC : BC :: AE : BE$ .

Q. E. D.  
Con-

*Conversely.**ANALYSIS.*

Let F be the centre of the circle and join FD.  
 Because CD touches the circle,  
                   the  $\angle$  CDF will be a right-angle;  
 but,            the  $\angle$  DEF is a right-angle;  
 therefore the  $\Delta$ 's CDF, DEF are equi-angular,  
 and therefore  $CF:DF::DF:EF$ ;  
 wherefore  $CFE=DF^2=AF^2$ ;  
               take the square of EF from each,  
 and  $CEF=AEB$ ;  
 but AB is bisected in F:  
 theref. conv. Prop. I.  $AC:BC::AE:BE$ .  
Q. Q. V.

*SYNTHESIS.*

Since  $AC:BC::AE:BE$ ,  
 and AB is bisected in F;  
 by Prop. I.  $CEF=AEB$ ;  
               add the square of EF to each,  
 and  $CFE=AF^2=DF^2$ ;  
 therefore  $CF:DF::DF:EF$ ;  
 therefore the  $\Delta$ 's CDF, EDF are equi-angular;  
 and therefore the  $\angle$  CDF = the  $\angle$  DEF;  
 but the  $\angle$  DEF is a right-angle;  
 therefore the  $\angle$  CDF is a right-angle,  
 and therefore CD touches the circle in D.  
Q. E. D.

*Again Conversely.**ANALYSIS.*

Let F be the centre of the circle, and join FD.  
 Because DE is perpendicular to the diameter AB.  
               the  $\angle$  DEC will be a right-angle  
but



but the  $\angle CDF$  is a right-angle;  
 therefore the  $\Delta$ 's  $CDF$ ,  $DEF$ , are equi-angular;  
 therefore  $CF:CD::CD:CE$ ;  
 and therefore  $FCE=CD^2=ACB$ ;  
 wheref. conv. Prop. I.  $AC:BC::AE:BE$ ,

Q. Q. V.

## SYNTHESIS.

By Analysis  $AC:BC::AE:BE$ ;  
 therefore Prop. I.  $FCE=ACB=CD^2$ ;  
 therefore  $CF:CD::CD:CE$ ;  
 wherefore the  $\Delta$ 's  $CDF$ ,  $DEF$ , are equi-angular;  
 therefore the  $\angle DEC=$ the  $\angle CDF$ ;  
 but the  $\angle CDF$  is a right-angle;  
 therefore the  $\angle DEC$  will be a right-angle;  
 wherefore  $DE$  is perpendicular to the diameter  $AB$ .

Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Lowry.*

Let  $F$  be the centre of the circle, and join  $FD$ .  
 By Eu. III. 18. the  $\angle CDF$  is a right-angle;  
 therefore the  $\Delta$ 's  $CDF$ ,  $CDE$  are equi-angular;  
 and therefore  $FC$  or  $AC+AF:AF$  or  $BF::DF$  or  $AF:EF$ ;  
 theref. mixedly  $AC:BC::AE:BE$ .

Q. E. D.

*Conversely.*

By hyp.  $AC:BC::AE:BE$ ,  
 that is,  $CF-AF:CF+AF::AF-EF:AF+EF$ ;  
 mixedly,  $CF:AF$  or  $DF::DF:EF$ ;  
 theref. Eu. VI. 6. the  $\Delta$ 's  $CDF$ ,  $EDF$ , are equiangular.  
 therefore the  $\angle CDF=\angle DEF=a$  right-angle;  
 wheref. Eu. III. 16. Cor.  $CD$  touches the circle in  $D$ .

Q. E. D.

*Again Conversely.*

From what is done above the  $\Delta CDF$ ,  $EDF$  are equi-angular.

But

But the  $\angle CDF$  is a right-angle ;  
 therefore the  $\angle DEF$  will be a right-angle ;  
 and therefore  $DE$  is perpendicular to  $AB$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Burdon.*

Bisect  $AB$  in  $F$ , and join  $DF$  ;  
 Then by sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $CF : CD :: CD : CE$  ;  
 therefore  $ECF = CD^2 = ACB$  ;  
 wherefore conv. Prop. I.  $AC : BC :: AE : BE$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*Conversely.*

Because  $AC : BC :: AE : BE$  ;  
 by Prop. I.  $ECF = ACB = CD^2$  ;  
 therefore  $CF : CD :: CD : CE$  ;  
 wherefore Eu. VI. 6.  $\angle CED = \angle FDC =$  a right-ang.  
*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

Let  $F$  be the centre of the circle and join  $DF$ .  
 By hyp.  $AC : BC :: AE : BE$  ;  
 theref. by division  $AC : BC - AC :: AE : BE - AE$ ,  
 that is  $AC : 2AF :: AE : 2EF$ ,  
 or  $AC : AF :: AE : EF$ ,  
 and by composition  $CF : DF :: DF : EF$ .  
*Q. Q. V.*

*Conversely.*

### ANALYSIS.

Since  $CD$  touches the circle in  $D$  ;  
 by Eu. III. 36.  $ACB = CD^2$  ;  
 therefore  $CA : CD :: CD : CB$  :

but

but Eu. VI. 8.  $CF:CD::CD:CE;$   
 therefore  $CF:CA::CB:CE,$   
 and by division  $CF:AF::CB:EB.$   
 Again, Eu. VI. 8.  $AE:DE::DE:BE,$   
 and  $CE:DE::DE:FE;$   
 hence, by divisi. &c.  $AC:AE::AF:EF::CF:AF:$   
 but  $CF:AF::CB:EB;$   
 therefore  $AC:AE::CB:EB,$   
 or  $AC:BC::AE:BE.$

Q. Q. V.

*Again Conversely.***ANALYSIS.**

By Eu. VI. 8.  $CE:DE::DE:FE,$   
 and  $AE:DE::DE:BE;$   
 therefore  $CE:AE::BE:FE,$   
 and by division, &c.  $AC:AE::AF:EF::CF:AF:$   
 but  $CF:AF::BC:BE;$   
 therefore  $AC:AE::BC:BE,$   
 or  $AC:BC::AE:BE.$

Q. Q. V.

*The same by Mr. Campbell.*

From F the centre of the circle draw FD and join AD, BD.

By Eu. III. 18. FD is perpendicular to CD;  
 therefore the  $\angle CDF$  will be a right-angle.  
 but the  $\angle ADB$  is a right-angle;  
 wherefore the  $\angle CDF = \text{the } \angle ADB;$   
 and therefore  $CEF = DE^2 = AEB;$   
 wheref. conv. Prop. I.  $AC:BC::AE:BE.$

Q. E. D.

*Conversely.*

By hyp.  $AC:BC::AE:BE;$   
 therefore Prop. I.  $CEF = AEB = DE^2;$   
 where-

wherefore  $CE : DE :: DE : FE$ ;  
 therefore, the  $\Delta$ 's CDE, DEF are equi-angular,  
 and the  $\angle CDE = \angle EFD$ ;  
 and theref. the  $\angle CDF = CDE + EDF = EFD + EDF = a \text{ rt. ang.}$   
 wherefore, CD touches the circle in D.  
Q. E. D.

*Again Conversely.*

By hyp.  $AC : BC :: AE : BE$ ;  
 invertendo  $BC : AC :: BE : AE$ ;  
 comp. et divi.  $AC + BC : BC - AC :: BE + AE : BE - AE$ ,  
 that is  $CF : DF :: DF : EF$ ;  
 therefore the  $\Delta$ 's CDE, DEF are equi-angular,  
 and therefore the  $\angle CDE = \angle DEF$ ,  
 but the CDE is a right-angle;  
 therefore the  $\angle DEF$  is a right-angle,  
 wherefore DE is perpendicular to AB.  
Q. E. D.

PROP. XVI.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.*

ANALYSIS. Fig. 142, Plate 10.

Join AD, BD,  
 By hyp.  $AEF = DE^2$ ;  
 therefore  $AE : DE :: DE : FE$ ;  
 and therefore the  $\Delta$ 's FED, AED are equi-angular;  
 wherefore the  $\angle EDF = \angle EAD = \angle ECB$ ;  
 therefore DF is parallel to CB.  
Q. Q. V.

SYNTHESIS.

Since DF is parallel to CB,  
 the  $\angle EDF = \angle ECB = \angle EAD$ ;  
 therefore the  $\Delta$ 's FED, AED are equi-angular,  
and

and therefore  
wherefore

$$AE:DE::DE:FE, \\ AEF=DE^2.$$

*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Messrs. Burdon, Campbell, Lowry and Swale.*

*ANALYSIS, by Mr. Swale.*

By hyp.  
therefore  
and by parallels  
therefore  
and therefore

$$AEF=DE^2; \\ FE:DE::DE:AE, \\ FE:DE::BE:CE; \\ DE:AE::BE:CE; \\ CED=AEB.$$

*Q. Q. V.*

*SYNTHESIS, by Messrs. Burdon, Campbell and Lowry.*

By Eu. III. 3.  
therefore  
and by sim.  $\Delta$ 's  
therefore  
and therefore

$$AEB=CED; \\ BE:CE::DE:AE, \\ BE:CE::FE:DE; \\ DE:AE::FE:DE; \\ AEF=DE^2.$$

*Q. E. D.*

## PROP. XVII.

*Demonstrated by Peletarius.*

*ANALYSIS. Fig. 143, Plate 10.*

Join BE, CE.

By hyp.  $CFG:BF^2::CG:BD::BCG:CBD$ ;  
but, Prop. 16.  $CFG=EF^2$  and  $CBD=AB^2$ ;  
therefore  $EF^2:BF^2::BCG:BA^2$ ;  
and therefore  $EF^2:BCG::BF^2:BA^2::EF^2:EC^2$ ;  
wherefore  $BCG=EC^2$ ;  
therefore  $BC:EC::EC:GC$ ;  
therefore the  $\Delta$ 's BCE, CGE are equi-angular,  
and

and therefore  
wherefore  
therefore

the  $\angle CEB = \text{the } \angle CGE$ ;  
the  $\angle CAB = \angle EGB = \angle ABC$   
CA is equal to CB.

*Q. Q. V.*

### SYNTHESIS.

Since CA is equal to CB,  
the  $\angle CAB = \angle ABC = \angle BGE$ ;  
therefore the  $\angle CEB = \text{the } \angle CGE$ ;  
wherefore  $BC : EC :: EC : GC$ ;  
therefore  $BCG = CE^2$ ;  
and therefore  $EF^2 : BCG :: EF^2 : EC^2 :: BF^2 : BA^2$ ;  
but Prop. XVI.  $EF^2 = CFG$  and  $BA^2 = CBD$ ;  
therefore  $CFG : BCG :: BF^2 : CBD$ ,  
or  $CFG : BF^2 :: BCG : CBD :: CG : BD$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Messrs. Burdon and Lowry.*

Join BE, CE, and produce GE to meet AC in I.  
By sim.  $\Delta$ 's,  $EF : BF :: EC : BA$ ,  
that is  $EF^2 : BF^2 :: EC^2 : BA^2$ .  
Again, by sim.  $\Delta$ 's,  $AC : EC :: EC : IC$  or  $GC$ ;  
therefore  $EC^2 = ACI = BCG$ ;  
'but, by hyp. & Prop. 16.  $BA^2 = CBD$  &  $EF^2 = CFG$ .  
Hence,  $CFG : BF^2 :: BCG : CBD :: CG : BD$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

By hyp.  $CFG : BF^2 :: CG : BD :: BCG : CBD$   
but, Prop. 16. and hyp.  $CFG = EF^2$  and  $CBD = AB^2$ ,  
and, Em. Geo. IV. 22. Cor.  $BCG = CE^2$ ;  
therefore  $EF^2 : BF^2 :: CE^2 : AB^2$ ,  
that is  $EF : BF :: CE : AB$ ;  
but by sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $CE : AB :: CF : AF$ ;  
therefore  $EF : BF :: CF : AF$   
and therefore  $AFE = BFC$ .

*Q. Q. V.*  
*The*

*The same by Mr. Campbell.*

Produce FG to meet the circle in H and join CE, BE.

By Eu. I. 29. the  $\angle AEH = \text{the } \angle EAB$  ;  
 theref. Eu. III. 26. the arc AH = the arc BE ;  
 but, by hyp.  $AC = BC$  ;  
 therefore Eu. III. 28. the arc AC = the arc BC ;  
 wherefore the arc CH = the arc CE ;  
 therefore Eu. III. 17. the  $\angle CEH = \text{the } \angle CBE$  ;  
 therefore the  $\triangle$ 's CBE, CGE are equi-angul.  
 and therefore  $CG : CE :: CE : CB$  ;  
 therefore  $BCG = CE^2$ .  
 Again, by sim.  $\triangle$ 's  $FE : CE :: CF : AB$ ,  
 that is  $FE^2 : CE^2 :: CF^2 : AB^2$  ;  
 but  $CE^2 = BCG$  and  $AB^2 = CBD$ ,  
 and Prop. XVI.  $FE^2 = CFG$  ;  
 therefore  $CFG : BCG :: BF : CBD$  ;  
 permutando,  $CFG : BF^2 :: BCG : CBD :: CG : BD$ .  
Q. E. D.

# ARTICLE XXXVI.

*A Problem, with its Investigation, by Mr. COLIN CAMPBELL, of Kendal.*

*PROBLEM, Fig. 144, Plate 10.*

**I**F FGHI, KCML betwo wheels revolving round the centres S, O, and connected by the flexible band FGHMLKF. It is required to determine the friction of that band on each wheel, supposing the centre S fixed, and the centre O urged by a force in the direction  $SO = T$ .

*Postulate.* If a given body slide over another given body with a given velocity, the friction arising from

from its motion, is as its weight or pressure on the other body. (For the Demonstration of this, see *Martin and Chamber's* Philosophical Memoirs of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Paris for 1699, Essay 10.)

### INVESTIGATION.

That the investigation may be as easy as possible, let OA, OB, OC, &c. be a number of immovable radii over which the flexible line PABCDEP is stretched with the force T; draw ON, NQ perpendicular to AB, BO, and the tension T in the direction BA is resolved into BQ, QN, and the effect in BQ will be  $T \times BN \div AO = T \times AB \div 2AO$ .

Now, if the points A, B, C, &c. be infinitely near, and the force T communicated by the action of the band arising from the force acting on the centre O as per Problem, and the variable arc  $KV = z$ ; then will the pressure at V  $= Tz \div 2OV$ , and the fluent  $= Tz \div 2OV$ . Therefore  $T \times \frac{1}{2}$  arc KLM  $\div AO =$  the whole pressure on the surface of the wheel KCML; and for the same reason  $T \times \frac{1}{2}$  arc FGH  $\div FS =$  the whole pressure on the surface of the wheel FGHI; which *per Postulate* are as the effects of friction on each wheel.

Q. E. I.

*Cor. I.* The arc FGH being similar to the arc KCM, it follows that the friction on the wheel FGHI is to that on the wheel KCML, as the arc FGH is to its supplement FIH.

*Cor. II.* If the band crosses itself between the two wheels, it is evident that the number of degrees to which it is applied on each wheel will be equal; and consequently the friction on each will also be equal.



## ARTICLE XXXVII.

*Of finding the Sums of certain Series, by Mr. Stirling's differential method, by Mr. J. Mabbot, Manchester.*

*(Continued from page 181.)*

28. **R**quired the sum of 100 initial terms of the series,

$$2+5+8+11+14+\&c?$$

Here  $T=3z-1=-1+3z$ , the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c.

$$\& S=(-z+z+1)\cdot\frac{3}{2}z=\frac{3z^2+z}{2}=15050, \text{ when } z=100.$$

29. What is the sum of 25 terms of the series,

$$30+35+40+45+50+\&c?$$

Here  $T=25+5z$ , the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c.

$$\text{and } S=25z+(z+1)\cdot\frac{5}{2}z=\frac{5z^2+55z}{2}=2250, \text{ when } z=25.$$

30. Required the sum of  $z$  (10) terms of the series

$$(5+3)^2+(5+6)^2+(5+9)^2+\&c?$$

Here  $T=(3z+5)^2=9z^2+30z+25=25+39z+9z\cdot(z-1)$   
the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c. and  $S=25z$

$$+(z+1)\cdot\frac{39}{2}z+3z\cdot(z-1)=3z^3+\frac{39}{2}z^2+\frac{83}{2}z=5365, \text{ when } z=10.$$

31. Required the number of cannon-shot in a square pile, the side of which is 50?

The series will be  $1+2^2+3^2+4^2+5^2+\&c$ .

Here  $T=z^2=z+z\cdot(z-1)$  the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c.

$$\& S=z+1\cdot(\frac{1}{3}z+\frac{1}{3}z\cdot z-1)=\frac{1}{6}z\cdot z+1\cdot 2z+1=42925, \text{ when } z=50.$$

32. Required the number of solid inches in a pyramid composed of 1000 stones of a cubical figure,  
the

the length of the side of the highest stone being one inch, of the second two inches, of the third three inches, &c.

The series will be  $1+2^3+3^3+4^3+5^3+\&c.$

Here  $T=z^3=z+3z\cdot z-1+z\cdot z-1\cdot z-2$ , the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c.

$$\text{and } S=z+1\cdot\left(\frac{1}{2}z+z\cdot z-1+\frac{1}{2}z\cdot z-1\cdot z-2\right)=\frac{zz}{4}\times\overline{z+1}^2$$

$$=250500250000, \text{ when } z=1000.$$

33. What is the sum of  $z$  (40) terms of the series  
 $1\cdot 2+3\cdot 4+5\cdot 6+7\cdot 8+\&c?$

Here  $T=2z-1\cdot 2z=4z^2-2z=2z+4z\cdot z-1$ ,  
 the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c.

$$\text{and } S=z+1\cdot\left(z+\frac{4}{3}z\cdot z-1=\frac{4z^2+3z^2-z}{3}=22920, \text{ when } z=40.\right.$$

34. Required the sum of  $z$  (6) terms of the series  
 $35\cdot 85+40\cdot 88+45\cdot 91+50\cdot 94+\&c?$

Here  $T=5z+30\cdot 3z+82=2460+515z+15z\cdot z-1$ ,  
 the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c. and  $S=2460z+$   
 $z+1\cdot\left(\frac{515}{2}z+5z\cdot z-1\right)=\frac{10z^3+515z^2+5425z}{2}=26625 \text{ when } z=6$

35. What is the sum of  $z$  (10) terms of the series  
 $15+40+77+126+\&c?$

The given series is the same as  $3\cdot 5+5\cdot 8+7\cdot 11+9\cdot 14+\&c.$

Here  $T=(2z+1)\cdot(3z+2)=2+13z+6z\cdot z-1$ ,  
 the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c. and  $S=$

$$2z+z+1\cdot\left(\frac{13}{2}z+2z\cdot z-1\right)=\frac{4z^3+13z^2+13z}{2}=2715, \text{ when } z=10$$

36. Required the sum of  $z$  terms of the series  
 $1\cdot 3\cdot 5\cdot 7\cdot 9+3\cdot 5\cdot 7\cdot 9\cdot 11+5\cdot 7\cdot 9\cdot 11\cdot 13+\&c?$

Here  $T=2z-1\cdot 2z+1\cdot 2z+3\cdot 2z+5\cdot 2z+7$

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$=32$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 32z^5 + 240z^4 + 560z^3 + 360z^2 - 142z - 105 \\
 &= -105 + 1050z + 4200z^2 - 1 + 2800z^3 - 1^2z^2 \\
 &\quad + 560z^3 - 1^2z^2 - 3 + 32z^3 - 1^2z^2 - 3^2z^4, \\
 &\quad \text{the values of } z \text{ being } 1, 2, 3, \&c.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and } S &= -105z + z + 1 \times \frac{32z^5 + 352z^4 + 1288z^3 + 1592z^2 - 114z}{6} \\
 &= \frac{16}{3}z^4 + 64z^3 + \frac{820}{3}z^2 + 480z + \frac{739}{3}z - 124z
 \end{aligned}$$

37. Find the sum of the infinite series

$$\frac{1}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 6} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 7} + \frac{1}{6 \cdot 8} + \&c.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Here } T &= \frac{1}{z+2z+4} = \frac{1}{z^2+z+1} - \frac{5}{z^2+1^2z+2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{12}{z^2+1^2z+2^2z+3} - \frac{12}{z^2+1^2z+2^2z+3^2z+4}
 \end{aligned}$$

the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and } S &= \frac{1}{z} - \frac{5}{2z^2+1} + \frac{4}{z^2+1^2z+2} - \frac{3}{z^2+1^2z+2^2z+3} \\
 &= \frac{2z^2+7z+5}{2^2z+1^2z+2^2z+3} = \frac{7}{24}, \text{ when } z \text{ is taken } = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

38. What is the sum of the infinite series,

$$\frac{6}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7} + \frac{6}{4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8} + \frac{6}{5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9} + \&c?$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Here } T &= \frac{6}{z+2z+4z+6} = \frac{6}{z^2+1^2z+2} - \frac{54}{z^2+1^2z+2^2z+3} \\
 &\quad + \frac{234}{z^2+1^2z+2^2z+3^2z+4} - \frac{540}{z^2+1^2z+2^2z+3^2z+5} + \frac{140}{z^2+1^2z+2^2z+3^2z+4}
 \end{aligned}$$

the values of  $z$  being 1, 2, 3, &c.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and } S &= \frac{3}{z^2+1} - \frac{18}{z^2+1^2z+2} + \frac{117}{2z^2+1^2z+3} - \frac{108}{z^2+1^2z+4} \\
 &\quad + \frac{90}{z^2+1^2z+5} = \frac{6z^3+48z^2+111z+69}{z^2+1^2z+2^2z+3^2z+5} = \frac{13}{80}, \text{ when } z=1.
 \end{aligned}$$

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## ARTICLE XXXVIII.

*An easy method of constructing an azimuth by scale and compasses, by Mr. THOMAS KEITH, author of a Treatise on Arithmetic, &c. &c.*

**W**ITH the chord of  $60^{\circ}$  describe a circle, set off the complement of latitude from Z to P (fig. 145, pl. 10.) the complement of altitude from Z to  $a$  and draw  $aOa$ . Set off the polar distance from P to  $p$ , draw  $pp$ ; from the intersection I draw IR parallel to ZN, and through the centre C draw CS parallel to  $aO$ , with C as a centre and distance  $Oa$  cross IR in  $m$ , lastly draw Cn through  $m$ , then  $nS$  measured on a scale of chords will be the azimuth.

*Note.* In north latitude,  $nS$  is the azimuth from the south if IR fall on the left hand of ZN, but from the north if it fall on the right hand.

By this method an azimuth may at any time be constructed true to within half a degree, which is sufficiently exact for nautical purposes, and more simple than by either calculation or *Gunter*, vide *Robertson's Navigation*, Art. 28th and 29th, Book IX. 5th edition. Required a demonstration of the above Article?

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 ARTICLE XXXIX.

*Useful Propositions in Geometry,*

*By Mr. M. A. HARRISON.*

**PROP. I. THEO.** *Fig. 147, Plate 10.*

**I**F the base AB of any plane triangle ABC be bisected by the diameter EF of its circumscribing circle, and from the point E a perpendicular be de-  
mitted

demitted upon the longer side AC meeting it in P; then I say PC will be equal to half the sum and PA equal to half the difference of the sides of the triangle.

*Dem.* Join EA, EB, EC; make  $CG=CB$ , and join EG. Now the  $\triangle$ 's CBE, CGE, having the  $\angle ECB=\angle ECG$ ,  $CG=CB$ , and CE common to both, will also have EB (or EA) equal to EG; hence, because EP is perpendicular to AG, AP will be  $\equiv$  PG; and therefore  $AC+CB=AG+CG=2PG+CG=2PC$ , and  $AC-CB=AC-GC=AG-2PG=2AP$ .

Q. E. D.

## PROP. II. THEO.

If from C the vertex of any plane triangle ACB a line be drawn bisecting the vertical angle, and the perpendicular CD be demitted upon the base; then I say the angle DCE, included between that line and the perpendicular, will be equal to half the difference of the angles at the base.

*Dem.* By Eu. III. 21, The  $\angle CBA=\angle CEA$ , &  $\angle CAB=\angle CEB$ ; therf.  $\angle CBA-\angle CAB=\angle CEA-\angle CEB=\angle BEL+\angle CEL-\angle CEB=2\angle CEL$ .

But EL is parallel to CD and therefore  $\angle CEL=\angle ECD$ .

Q. E. D.

## PROP. III. THEO.

If from the point P where a perpendicular from the extremity of the diameter of the circumscribing circle bisecting the base meets the longer side AC, a perpendicular PQ be demitted upon the line bisecting the vertical angle: then I say that PQ will pass through L the middle of the base AB.

*Dem.* Because  $BC=CG$  and the  $\angle GCE=\angle BCE$ ;

CE will be perpendicular to BG;

and therefore PQ is parallel to BG;

but  $AP=PG$ , therefore PQ bisects AB in L.

Q. E. D.

*Cor. 1.* If L, T (the point where CE cuts BG) be joined; then I say LT will be parallel and equal to PG.

*Cor.*

*Cor. 2.* I say, if BG, EP be produced they will meet the circumscribing circle in the same point I.

*Cor. 3.* I say, that the  $\angle ABG$  (or AEI) is equal to the  $\angle DCE$ .

*Cor. 4.* The  $\angle AEG$  is  $\equiv$  to the difference of the  $\angle$ 's at the base.

*Cor. 5.* I also say that the  $\angle EGB$  is  $\equiv$  to the  $\angle ACD$ .  
 For, by Eu. III. 21. the  $\angle EIB = \angle ECB$ ,  
 and, by *Cor. 3.* of this Prop. the  $\angle IEG = \angle DCK$ ;  
 theref.  $\angle EGB$  (or  $\angle EIB + \angle IEG$ )  $= \angle ACD$  (or  $\angle ECB + \angle DCK$ .)

#### PROP. IV.

If the perpendicular CD of any plane triangle ACB, be produced to meet the circumscribing circle in R, and the perpendicular RS be demited upon the diameter EF; then I say, that the rectangle DLK is equal to the rectangle LES; and that the rectangle DLK is also equal to the square of AP.

*Demon.* Draw CN parallel to RS and Join CF.  
 By Prop. III. *Cor. 3.* the  $\angle$ 's AEP, LEK, (NCF) are all equal,  
 and the  $\angle$ 's EPA, ELK, ENC are right ones;  
 therefore the  $\triangle$ 's EPA, ELK, ENC are similar,  
 and therefore NC or LD : AP :: EC : EA or EB,  
 and EC : EB or EA :: EB or EA : EK :: AP : LK;  
 wherefore NC or LD : AP :: AP : LK.  
 Again LD : NF or ES :: NE : LD :: LE : LK.  
 Hence LES = DLK = AP<sup>2</sup>.

*Q. E. D.*

*Cor.* If upon LD a semicircle be described, and KV be drawn perpendicular to LD meeting the semi-circle in V, and LV be joined; then I say LV will be equal to AP, that is, equal to half the difference of the sides of the triangle.

*Note.* K is the point where CE cuts the base AB.

( To be continued. )

## ARTICLE XL.

Three Propositions from *Lawson*.*(To be answered in Number VI.)*

## PROP. XXII.

**I**F in AB the diameter of a circle be taken two points C and D such that  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ , and D be without the circle, and DE perpendicular to AB, and through C be drawn any line meeting the circle in G and H, and the line DE in K, and GL touch the circle in G, and meet DE in L; then I say the rectangle LDK is equal to the rectangle ADB.

## PROP. XXIII.

If AB be the diameter of a circle and CD perpendicular thereto meeting it in C, and from the points A and B be inflected AE, BE to any point E in the circumference, meeting CD in F and G; I say the rectangle GCF is equal to the rectangle ACB.

## PROP. XXIV.

In AB the diameter of a circle let two points C and D be taken such that  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ , and the point D be within the circle, and DE be perpendicular to AB, meeting the circumference in E and F, and let through C any line be drawn meeting the same in G and H, and from the points G and H let GN, HN be inflected to any point in the same N, and let them meet DE in M and L; I say the rectangle LDM is equal to the square of DE.

## ARTICLE XLII.

## PROP. XXI. THEO. XVIII.

**L**ET there be any number of right lines given by position, and let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. be given magnitudes as many in number as there are right lines given by position, three right lines may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to all the right lines given by position, and likewise there be drawn perpendiculars to the three lines found, the square of the perpendicular drawn to one of the lines given by position, together with the space to which the square of the perpendicular drawn to another of the lines given by position has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of the perpendicular drawn to another of the lines given by position has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the three lines found has the same ratio that thrice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c.

## PROP. XXII. THEO. XIX.

Let there be any regular figure of a greater number of sides than three circumscribed about a circle, and from any point in the circumference of the circle let there be drawn perpendiculars to the sides of the figure; twice the sum of the cubes of the perpendiculars, will be equal to five times the multiple of the cube of the semi-diameter of the circle by the number of the sides of the figure.



## ARTICLE XLII.

*Answers to the Mathematical Questions proposed in*  
ARTICLE XVII. No. II.

I. QUESTION 29, answered by Mr. S. Thornoby.

**B**Y the rules for compound interest, the logarithm of the amount of £.1 for one year, that is, the logarithm of £1<sup>05</sup> = 0211893 multiplied by the time 1796 the product is 38<sup>0559828</sup> to which add the logarithm of 1 penny, or the 1-240th. part of a pound } = 2<sup>3802112</sup> the sum is the logarithm of the amount = 35<sup>6757710</sup>.

Now the index of this logarithm being 35, shews the number of figures, of which the amount of one penny in the given time doth consist, to be 36, of which let it be sufficient to express the six first in figures, and the rest in cyphers; then will the said amount be

**£.4379920000000000000000000000000000.**

Now the value of a solid body, perfectly spherical, whose diameter is 8000 english miles, (which is somewhat more than the diameter of the globe of our earth,) I say such a solid body of fine gold would be in value about

£.238660000000000000000000000000.

From each of these great numbers let 23 cyphers be cut off; the remaining figures will be 4379920000000 in the amount of the penny; and 23866 in the value of the globe of gold. But 4379920000000 divided by 23866 is=183521327.

Hence it appears that one penny put out to use in the manner aforesaid, would amount to more in value than one hundred and eighty-three millions, five hundred and twenty-one thousand globes of fine solid gold, each bigger than the globe of the earth! a strange and surprising, but no less certain truth! and this immense amount would be greatly increased by enlarging the rate of interest.

## H. QUESTION 30, answered by Mr. J. H. Swale.

Let  $A=150=A$ 's stock,  $a=A$ 's time= $14$  months ;  
 $B=B$ 's stock unknown,  $b=B$ 's time= $12$  months ;  
 $C$  and  $c=C$ 's stock and time, both unknown ;  
 $m=195=A$ 's,  $n=153=B$ 's,  $p=127=C$ 's, stock and  
gain respectively ;  $w=475=$ aggregate of stock and  
gain, and  $w-A-B-C=$ the whole gain.

Now by the nature of *fellowship with time* we have

$$\begin{aligned} & aA : m-A \\ aA + bB + cC : w-A-B-C & :: bB : n-B \\ & cC : p-C ; \end{aligned}$$

and by multiplying means and extremes we have  
the following three equations

$$\begin{aligned} (aA + bB + cC) \cdot (m-A) &= (w-A-B-C) \cdot aA, \\ (aA + bB + cC) \cdot (n-B) &= (w-A-B-C) \cdot bB, \\ (aA + bB + cC) \cdot (p-C) &= (w-A-B-C) \cdot cC. \end{aligned}$$

From the first  $(aA + bB + cC) \div (w-A-B-C) = aA \div (m-A)$ ,  
and from the 2nd.  $(aA + bB + cC) \div (w-A-B-C) = bB \div (n-B)$  ;  
therefore  $(n-B) \cdot aA = (m-A) \cdot bB$ ,

and  $B = aAn \div (aA + (m-A) \cdot b) = 121.7045$ .

Again from the first equation we have

$cC = ((w-A-B-C) \cdot aA - (aA + bB) \cdot (m-A)) \div (m-A)$ ,  
and from the 3d.  $cC = (aA + bB) \cdot (p-C) \div (w-A-B-p)$  ;  
hence by equating these two values of  $cC$  we shall  
obtain  $C=100$ , and consequently  $c=(aA + bB) \cdot$   
 $(p-C) \div (w-A-B-p) \cdot C = 12.6$ . Consequently  $B$ 's  
stock= $\pounds.121.7045$ ,  $C$ 's stock= $\pounds.100$ , and  $C$ 's time  
= $12.6$  months. W. W. R.

And in like manner is the answer given by the Rev.  
Mr. L. Evans ; other answers were received, but they  
were not right !

## III. QUESTION 31, answered by Mr. J. Harris.

Let  $a=\pounds.12.10s.$   $r=$ the amount of  $\pounds.1$  for half  
a year at the given rate per cent,  $T=54$  half years,  
 $t=22$  half years, and  $x=$ the half yearly purchase  
money required. Now it is evident that the amount

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of  $x$  pounds for 11 years payable half-yearly, must be equal to the present worth of an annuity of £.25 per annum payable also half-yearly for 27 years.

Therefore  $(a - a \div r^T) \div (r - 1) = (r^t x - x) \div (r - 1)$ ;

hence  $x = (a - a \div r^T) \div (r^t - 1) = \text{£} 13..19s..1d$ .  
the half-yearly purchase money. W. W. R.

And thus the answer is given by Messrs. Bulmer, Evans, Swale and Thornoby.

#### IV. QUESTION 32, answered by Mr. R. Simpson.

To the given equation add  $4r^4 - r^2 b^2$ ; and the square root of the sum gives

$$y^2 + dy - 2r^2 = \pm r \sqrt{(4r^2 - b^2)};$$

hence  $y = -\frac{1}{2}d \pm \sqrt{(2r^2 + \frac{1}{4}d^2 \pm \sqrt{(4r^2 - b^2)})}$ .

*The same answered by Mr. T. Bulmer.*

The given equation being compared with the general one on page 155, *Simpson's Algebra*, we find  $a = 2d$ ,  $b = d^2 - 4r^2$ ,  $c = -4r^2 d$  and  $d = r^2 b^2$ ; and therefore  $f = b - \frac{1}{4}a^2 = -4r^2$  and  $\frac{1}{2}af = -4r^2 d = c$ , which agrees with Mr. Simpson's second case;

hence  $y = -\frac{1}{4}a \pm \sqrt{(\frac{1}{4}a)^2 - \frac{1}{2}f \pm \sqrt{(\frac{1}{2}f^2 - d)}}$   
 $= -\frac{1}{2}d \pm \sqrt{(\frac{1}{2}d)^2 + 2r^2 \pm \sqrt{(4r^2 - b^2)}}$

Messrs. Evans, Harris, Lowry, Surtees, Swale and Thornoby, sent answers to this question.

#### V. QUESTION 33, answered by Apollonius Junior.

*Analysis.* Suppose the thing done and that ABC (fig. 148, pl. 10.) is really the triangle required, AC the given base, and CAB the given angle. On AC drop the perpendicular BP and produce it 'till PD be equal to the given difference; draw DE parallel to AC and let it meet BA produced in E; make the angle BEF equal to the angle BED; then the perpendicular BF being demitted, it will be equal

to BD, that is, equal to BC ; therefore B is the centre of a circle passing through the given point C and touching the right lines ED, EF given by position in the points D and E. Consequently B (the vertex of the triangle) may be found by PROP. VIII. *Lawson's Translation of Apollonius on Tangencies.*

*The composition by Mr. J. H. Swale.*

*Conf.* At any point N on the indefinite right line LK erect the perpendicular NA==the given difference; draw AE meeting NL in E making the  $\angle NEA$ ==the given one, and draw AC parallel to NK and==the given base; join EC, to which, from A, apply AO==AN, then drawing CB parallel to OA meeting EA produced in B; I say ABC will be the triangle that was to be constructed.

*Demon.* It is evident that BAC is==to the given angle, and AC==to the given base.

Now demit the perpendicular DB.

Then by sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $EA:EB::AN:BD$ ,  
and  $EA:EB::AO:BC$ ;  
therefore  $AN:BD::AO:BC$ ;  
but  $AN=AO$ , and therefore  $BC=BD$ ;  
wherefore  $BC-BP=PD=AN$ =the given difference.  
*Q. E. D.*

*Otherwise by Mr. A. Buchanan.*

*Conf.* Draw AC==the given base, and make the angle CAB==the given one; with the centre C and radius==the given difference of BC, BP describe a circle, and draw AM making the  $\angle BAM=\angle BAC$ ; then by *Prob. XLIV.* on page 249, *Simpson's Geometry*, find B the centre of a circle to touch AC, AM and the circle about the centre C; join BC and ABC will be the triangle required.

*According to one or other of these methods nearly, is the Problem constructed by Messrs. Burdon, Elliott, Lowry, Simpson, Surtees and Thornaby.*

## VI. QUESTION 34, answered by Mr. Elliott.

Let ADBC (fig. 149, pl. 10.) represent a section of half the cask. Put  $AC=x$ , then  $BD$  will be  $\frac{4}{3}x$  and  $AE=\frac{1}{2}(AC+DB)=\frac{7}{6}x$ .

$$\text{But } AE=(BE+8)^2-BE^2=16BE+64=\frac{49}{3}x^2;$$

$$\text{therefore } BE=\left(\frac{49}{64}x^2-64\right)\div 16=\frac{49}{64\times 16}x^2-4.$$

Hence by Mr. Lowry's general rule Art. IV.

$$\text{we have } \left(\frac{98}{64\times 16}x^4-8x^2\right)\times .0023557=98$$

$$\text{or } x^4-\frac{64^2}{49}x^2=\frac{64\times 16}{.0023557}.$$

Whence  $x=AC=26.5$  inches the bung diameter,  
 $BD=19.9$  inches the head diameter,  
 and  $2AE=59.2$  inches the length of the cask.

*Messrs. Lowry, Simpson, Surtees, Swale, Thornoby and Wood, favoured us with ingenious solutions to this question.*

## VII. QUESTION 35, answered by the Rev. Mr. L. Evans.

Let ABCD (fig. 150, pl. 10.) be the spherical square whose side is given; draw the arches AC, BD, which will intersect each other at right angles at O. Upon one of the sides demit the perpendicular arch OE. Then in the right-angled spherical triangle OCE there is given the  $\angle COE=45^\circ$  and  $EC=$  half the given side  $=14^\circ 8'$  to find OE the radius of the inscribed circle  $=14^\circ 35'$  or  $165^\circ 25'$  and the  $\angle OCF=46^\circ 49'$  or  $133^\circ 11'$ . Hence the sum of the angles of the square is  $=374^\circ 32'$ , or  $1065^\circ 25'$ ;  
 con.

consequently  $pr^2 \times 14^\circ 32' \div 180^\circ$   
 or,  $pr^2 \times 705^\circ 28' \div 180^\circ$  } = the area of the squa.

and their sum  $= 4pr^2 =$  the whole surface of the sphere; where  $p = 3.1416$  and  $r$  the radius of the sphere.

*In nearly the same manner is the answer given by Messrs, Elliott, Lowry, Simpson, Swale and Thornoby.*

### VIII. QUESTION 36, answered by Mr. Lowry.

Let A, B, C, (fig. 89, pl. 7.) be the three given places and D the fourth place which is required; then since the latitudes and longitudes of the places A, B, C are given, the distances AB, BC, AC and the angles BAC, ABC, ACB are easily found by trigonometry.

Let the arches AD, BD, CD be drawn, and by PROP. XXVIII. Art. 24, the sum of these arches will be the least possible when the angles ADB, BDC, ADC are equal to each other, each being equal to  $120^\circ$ . Now the position of the point D may be determined either by the interlection of two ellipses, projected as is taught in the prize question *Gent. Diary*, 1795; or by *Prob. 152*, Book II. of *Emerson's Algebra*; or it may be determined otherwise thus. Put  $s$  and  $c$  for the sine and cosine of the  $\angle BAC$ ,  $m$  and  $n =$  the sine and cosine of  $120^\circ$ ,  $d =$  line of AB,  $f =$  line of AC,  $q =$  cosine of BC, and  $x$  and  $y =$  the sine and cosine of the  $\angle BAD$ .

Then by trigono.  $m : d :: x : dx \div m =$  the sine of BD, and therefore its cosine is  $= \sqrt{(1 - d^2 x^2 \div m^2)}$ .

Again  $sy - cx =$  the sine of the  $\angle CAD$ , and theref.  $m : f :: sy - cx : (sy - cx) \cdot f \div m =$  the sine of CD, and theref. its cosine will be  $= \sqrt{(1 - sy - cx^2 \times f^2 \div m^2)}$ .

Hence,  $\text{line BD} \times \text{line CD} \times n + \cos. \text{BD} \times \cos. \text{CD} = \cos. \text{CB}$ , i.e.  
 $(yx - cx^2) \cdot (df \div m^2) \cdot n + \sqrt{(1 - d^2 x^2 \div m^2)} \times \sqrt{1 - 2y - cx^2} \times f^2 \div m^2 = 1$

From which equation, by writing  $\sqrt{1 - x^2}$  for  $y$ , the value of  $x$  may be found and consequently the latitude and longitude of the place D.

*The answers from Messrs. Elliott, Simpson, Swale, and Thornoby, are very little different from the above.*

### IX. QUESTION 37, answered by Mr. Lowry.

*Conf.* Let ABC (fig. 151, pl. 10.) be the triangle; from the points D and Q, where perpendiculars from the angular points meet the opposite sides, demit the perpendiculars DI, QH upon the base; and divide the base AC in P so that  $AP : PC :: DI : QH$ ; I say P is the point required.

*Demon.* Draw the perpendiculars PE, PF; then since the triangle ABC is of a constant magnitude, and the trapezium PEBFP a maximum, the sum of the triangles APE, CPF must be a minimum.

To prove which, take any other point R in the base and draw the perpendiculars RK, RL.

Then by sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $AC^2 : \Delta APC :: AP^2 : \Delta AEP$ ,  
 or  $AC : \frac{1}{2}QH :: AP^2 : \Delta AEP = AP^2 \times QH \div 2AC$ ,  
 and  $AC : \frac{1}{2}DI :: CP^2 : \Delta CPF = CP^2 \times DI \div 2AC$ ;

therefore the sum of the triangles AEP, CPF will be  $= AP^2 \times QH \div 2AC + CP^2 \times DI \div 2AC$ ; and in like manner the sum of the  $\Delta$ 's AKR, CLR will be  $= AR^2 \times QH \div 2AC + CR^2 \times DI \div 2AC$ .

But *Prop. C. Art. 34.*  $AP^2 \times QH \div 2AC + CP^2 \times DI \div 2AC + \frac{1}{2}PR^2$  is  $=$  to  $AR^2 \times QH \div 2AC + CR^2 \times DI \div 2AC$ ; therefore the sum of the triangles APE, CPF is less than the sum of the triangles AKR, CLR, by half the square on PR; and as this happens wherever the point R is taken, it follows that P is the point required.

*Q. E. D.*  
*A flux*

*A fluxionary solution by Mr. Swale.*

Let  $ABC$  be the given  $\Delta$ ,  $P$  the required point, and  $PEBFP$  the trapezium. Demit the perpendicular  $Bd$ ; put  $AC=a$ ,  $Bd=d$ ,  $AP=x$ , let  $m$  and  $c$  be the sine and cosine of the  $\angle BAC$ , and  $n$  and  $s$  the sine and cosine of the  $\angle BCA$ ; then  $PC=a-x$ ,  $PE=mx$ ,  $AE=cx$ ,  $PF=(a-x)\cdot n$ ,  $CF=(a-x)\cdot s$ , and the area of the triangle  $=\frac{1}{2}ad$ .

Again, the area of the  $\Delta AEP=\frac{1}{2}cmx^2$ .

and the area of the  $\Delta CPF=\frac{1}{2}ns\cdot(a-x)^2$ .

Hence the area of the trapezium  $PEBFP=\Delta ABC-\Delta AEP-\Delta CPF=\frac{1}{2}ad-(cm+ns)\cdot\frac{1}{2}x^2+ansx-\frac{1}{2}a^2ns$  a maximum, per quest.

This put into fluxions and reduced gives  $x=ans\div(cm+ns)$ .

*Cor.* When the  $\angle ABC$  becomes a right-angle,  $x$  will be  $=\frac{1}{2}a$ .

*And in a manner equally ingenious is the answer given by Messrs. Elliott, Simpfon, and Thornoby.*

**X. QUESTION 38.** *answered by Messrs. Elliott and Lowry.*

*Case 1.* When the sum of the squares is given (fig. 152, pl. 10.).

*Conf.* Let  $AB$ ,  $CD$  be the parallel lines given by position and  $Pp$  the given curve; from any point  $E$  in  $CD$  draw  $EF$ ,  $EK$  to make the given angles with  $CD$ ,  $AB$ ; draw  $EL$  perpendicular to  $EF$  and equal to  $EK$ , join  $FL$ , and with a distance equal to the side of the given square and centre  $E$ , describe a circle cutting  $FL$  in  $H$ ; draw  $HI$  perpendicular to  $EF$ ; then  $IP$  being drawn parallel to  $AB$  will meet the curve in the required point  $P$ .

*Demon.* Draw  $IG$  and  $PR$  parallel to  $EK$ , and  $PQ$  parallel to  $IE$  and join  $EH$ .

Then  $\angle PQC=\angle IEC$  and  $\angle PRA=\angle EKA$ =the given ones.  
And



And by sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $FI: IH :: FE: EL$ ,  
 and  $FI: IG :: FE: EK$ ;  
 therefore  $IH: IG :: EL: EK$ ;  
 but  $EL = EK$ ; therefore  $IH = IG$ ,  
 and by parallels  $PR = IG$  (or  $IH$ ) and  $PQ = IE$ ;  
 therefore  $PQ^2 + PR^2 = IE^2 + IH^2 = EH^2 =$  the given  
 square by construction.

*Case 2.* When the difference of the squares is  
 given (fig. 153, plate 10.).

*Conf.* From any point  $E$  in  $AB$  draw  $EF$ ,  $EH$  to  
 make the given angles with  $AB$ ,  $CD$ ; draw  $EL$  per-  
 pendicular to  $EF$ , on which take  $EO$  equal to the  
 side of the given square; then with the centre  $E$   
 and distance  $EH$  describe a circle intersecting the  
 right line joining the points  $O$ ,  $F$  in  $N$ ; join  $EN$   
 and parallel thereto draw  $OI$  meeting  $EF$  in  $I$ , then  
 $IP$  being drawn parallel to  $AB$  will meet the curve  
 in the required point  $P$ .

*Demon.* Draw  $IG$  and  $PQ$  parallel to  $EH$  and  
 $PR$  parallel to  $EF$ .

Then  $\angle PQC = \angle FHC$  and  $\angle PRA = \angle FEA =$  the given ones.

And by sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $FI: IO :: FE: EN$ ,

and  $FI: IG :: FE: EH$ ;

therefore  $IO: IG :: EN: EH$ ;

but  $EN = EH$ , and therefore  $IO = IG$ ;

and by parallels  $PR = IE$  and  $PQ = IG$ ;

therefore  $PQ^2 - PR^2 = IG^2$  (or  $IO^2$ )  $- IE^2 = EO^2 =$   
 the given square by Construction.

*Q. E. D.*

*Mr. J. H. Swale by a very ingenious Analysis re-  
 duces the Problem to very near the same as Prop. 6.  
 Simpson's Exercises, Mr. Thornoby also answered  
 it.*

# XI. QUESTION 39, answered by Mr. Swale.

It is well known that the area of the figure of the  
 versed sines in a semi-circle, whose radius is  $r$ , is

$=$

$\frac{1}{2} = 3.1416r^2 = 1413.7168$  by the question; hence  $r = 21.2132$ : whence the following composition.

With the radius now found describe a circle, and draw any diameter LV (fig. 154, pl. 10.) on which produced take  $VC = \frac{1}{2}VL$ ; from C draw the tangents CH, CI meeting a tangent at the point L in the points B, A; draw OE parallel to LB meeting the circle in E, and draw FE parallel to LV meeting AB in F; join FO and produce it to meet the circle in T and through T let a tangent be drawn to meet FA, FE produced in G, D: then ACB, GDF will be the  $\Delta$ 's whose difference is required.

*Calculation.* Since  $LC = 3LO = 63.6396$  is given, the side of the equilateral  $\Delta$  is easily found to be  $73.4846$ , and its area  $= \frac{1}{2}LC \times AB = 2338.26527508$ .

Again,  $GD = GF\sqrt{2}$ , and it is well known that  $2GF - GD$  (or  $2 - \sqrt{2} \cdot GF$ )  $= LV$ ; hence  $GF = LV \div (2 - \sqrt{2}) = 72.4247$ , and therefore the area of the right-angled  $\Delta$   $GDF = \frac{1}{2}GF^2 = 2622.668585045$ ; whence the required difference is  $284.403309965$ .

*Messrs.* Harris, Elliott, Gregory, Simpson, Surtees, and Thornoby also sent answers.

## XII. QUESTION 40, answered by Mr. Lowry.

*Conf.* On the indefinite right line CDR (fig. 155, pl. 10.) take CR equal the given sum of the sides, which bisect in D, and erect the perpendicular DI so that DI may be to DC as the given rectangle is to the area of the triangle; join IC and draw CBK making the  $\angle ICK = \angle ICD$ ; on CD constitute the parallelogram  $DCKH =$  twice the given area; divide CR in A so that the rectangle CAR may be  $=$  the rectangle DCK, and make  $CB = AR$ ; then join AB and ACB will be the triangle required.

*Demon.* About the  $\Delta ACB$  describe a circle, and through the centre draw IEFG, which will bisect AB in E; draw CF parallel and Cp perpendicular to AB, and join AG, AI, CG, and DK.

Then



Then  $AC+CB=AC+AR=CR$ —the given sum of the sides, and  $AC \cdot CB=DC \cdot CK$ ; therefore the  $\triangle ACB=\triangle DCK$ —half the parallelogram  $DCKH$ —the given area.

Again  $AQ \cdot QB=AE^2-EQ^2=AE^2-AD^2$ ; and by sim.  $\triangle$ 's  $AD:CG::AI:GI::AE:AG$ , that is,  $AD:AE::CG:AG$ , or,  $AD^2:AE^2::CG^2:AG^2$ , or,  $AD^2:AE^2::FGI:EGI::FG:EG$ ; theref.  $AE^2-AD^2:AE^2::EF:EG::AEF(\triangle ACB):AEG$ , or  $AE-AD^2:AEF::AE:EG::DI:DC$ ; but  $DI:DC::$  the given rectang. :  $\triangle ACB(AEF)$ ; theref.  $AQ \cdot QB=AE^2-AD^2$ —the given rectangle.

*Elegant constructions to this Problem were given by Messrs. Swale and Thornoby.*

### XIII. QUESTION 41, answered by Mr. Lowry.

*Analysis.* Conceive the Problem to be solved, and that  $ACB$  (fig. 147, pl. 10.) is really the triangle to be constructed; make  $CD$  perpendicular to  $AB$ , and produce it to meet the periphery of the circumscribing circle in  $R$  and draw  $RS$  parallel to  $AB$  meeting the diameter  $ESLF$  perpendicular to the base, in  $S$ ; join  $AR$ ,  $RB$ .

Since  $AC \cdot CB=FE \cdot CD$  and  $AD \cdot DB=RD \cdot DC$ , the ratio of  $FE$  to  $DR$  will be given: and because the vertical angle  $ACB$  is given, the ratio of  $FE$  to  $AB$  will be the given, and therefore the ratio of  $AB$  to  $DR$  will be given: but the angle  $ARB$  (=the supplement of the angle  $ACB$ ) is given, and therefore (*Sim. Ed. of Eu. Data, Prop. LXXVIII.*) the triangle  $ARB$  is given in species, and consequently the triangle  $ACB$  is given in species.

A triangle similar to the required one may be found thus; on any line  $AB$  having described a circle  $AFCB$  to contain the given vertical angle, through the centre draw  $FLE$  at right-angles to  $AB$ , and take  $LS$  to  $FE$  as the rectangle of the segments to the rectangle of the sides; draw  $SR$  parallel and

CDR

CDR perpendicular to AB meeting the periphery in R and C; join AC, CB and ACB will be the triangle that was to be found, as is evident from the *analysis*.

*The same answered by Mr. Buchanan.*

*Conf.* Upon any line AB (fig. 150, pl. 10.) describe the segment of a circle capable of containing the given angle, and having completed the circle and drawn the diameter GG, apply DE perpendicular to AB such, that  $M:N::GG:DE$  ( $M:N$  being the given ratio of the rectangles,) and produce it to cut the circle in C; join AC, CB and make  $CS=CB$ ; draw BS, and produce CD to M, so that  $CD:CM::AS$ : the given difference of the sides; then produce CA, CB to cut OQ parallel to AB, and OCQ will be the triangle required.

*Demon.* The vertical  $\angle$  is evidently the given one; now draw QR parallel to BS.

Then by sim.  $\Delta$ 's and *conf.*  $AS:OR::AB:OQ::CD:CM::AS$ : the given difference of the sides; therefore  $OR(=OC-CQ)=$  that difference.

Again, by *conf.*  $M:N::GG:DE::CD:GG:CDE::ACB:ADB$ ;

but, by sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $AC:BC::OC:QC$ ,

and  $AD:BD::OM:MQ$ ;

therefore  $AC^2:OC^2::ACB:OCQ$ ,

and  $AD^2:OM^2::ADB:OMQ$ ;

therefore  $ACB:ADB::OCQ:OMQ::M:N$ .

Q. E. D.

*The same answered by Mr. R. Elliott.*

*Conf.* On any line as AB (fig. 150, pl. 10.) let a segment of a circle be described to contain the given angle; complete the circle and draw  $Ag$  to the centre, and make  $gN$  perpendicular to AB; take NF a fourth proportional to  $m \times AN$ ,  $n \times Ag$  and

Then  $AC+CB=AC+AR=C$   
 sum of the sides, and  $AC \cdot CB = P$  and draw FE  
 the  $\triangle ACB = \triangle DCK =$  half the  $\square$  in E; make  
 $=$  the given area. CB: lastly, take

Again  $AQ \cdot QB =$  CB, CD, and the  
 and by sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $AD : C$  and through M draw  
 that is,  $AD \cdot$  OCQ will be the tri-  
 or,  $AF$  acted.

or,  $A^*$  that the  $\triangle ACB$  is similar to  
 theref.  $AE \cdot AD$  hence it remains only to prove

or  $AE \cdot AF$ ,  $AD \cdot DB$  in the given ratio.  
 but  $DI : D_{AB}(2AN) : DE(FN) :: m \times AN : n \times Ag$ ,  
 theref.  $AQ : 2Ag \times CD : DE \times CD :: m : n$ ;

*Elegant*  $CD = AC \times CB$  &  $DE \times CD = AD \times BD$ :  
*Messrs. S*  $AC \times CB : AD \times BD :: m : n$ .

XII\* *Q. E. D.*  
*Elegant constructions were also received from Messrs.*  
*Scale and Thornoby.*

th *IV. QUESTION 42, answered by Mr. Mabbott.*

The equation defining the terms of the series is

$$T = -1^{x-9} \times \frac{1}{x \cdot x + 2 \cdot 2x - 6 \cdot 2x + 10} = -1^{x-9} \times \frac{1}{2x \cdot x + 2 \cdot x \cdot 3 \cdot 2x + 10},$$

the values of the indeterminate quantity  $x$  being 9,  
 10, 11, &c.

But it is evident from the introduction to *Stirling's Series*, that this series cannot be summed from  
 this differential equation; therefore put  $z = x - 3$  as  
 being the least of the factors. Then

$$T = -1^{x-9} \times \frac{1}{2x \cdot x + 2 \cdot x \cdot 3 \cdot 2x + 10} = -1^{z-6} \times \frac{1}{2z \cdot z + 5 \cdot 2z + 6 \cdot 2z + 16}$$

comparing this with the general series (*vide* pa. 11,  
 12, *Stirling's Sum. Ser.*) and making the proper  
 substitutions we shall find

$$T = -1^{z-6} \left( \times \frac{1}{4z \cdot z + 1 \cdot z + 2 \cdot z + 3} - \frac{5}{2z \cdot z + 1 \cdot \dots \dots \cdot z + 4} \right.$$

+

$$+ \frac{13}{z \cdot z + 1 \dots z + 5} + \frac{42}{z \cdot z + 1 \dots z + 6} + \frac{84}{z \cdot z + 1 \dots z + 7} - \frac{84}{z \cdot z + 1 \dots z + 8} \Big), x \text{ being } = -1 \text{ and the values of } z$$

6, 7, 8, &c. Comparing again, this with the theorem in *Stirling's* 3rd. Prop. pa. 30, and making the necessary substitutions we shall at last find

$$S = -1^{z-6} \times \frac{z^4 + 14z^3 + 67z^2 + 126z + 84}{8z \cdot z + 1 \dots z + 7} = \frac{631}{34594560}$$

(when  $z=6$ ) the sum required.

*And thus the answer is given by Mr. Thornoby.*

#### XV. QUESTION 43, answered by Mr. Ralph Simpson, Sunderland Bridge.

Let  $a$  = the earth's radius = 3985 miles,  $e$  = its density = 9,  $d$  = the density of the comet which is supposed to be = the moon's = 11,  $s$  = the sine of the comet's apparent semidiameter, as seen from the earth being  $31' 14''$ . Then  $*15 ds^3 a \div 4e = 72^{\circ} 36'$  feet, will be the height of the tide required.

\* *Vide Number V. when published.*

#### XVI. QUESTION 44, answered by Mr. Lowry.

Produce the tangents  $ab$ ,  $bc$ ,  $dc$ ,  $de$  and  $ef$  'till they meet in I, K, L, W, (fig. 146, pl. 10.) and let P and Q represent the principal axes of the ellipsis: join AE,  $bc$ , BD, OI, OK, OW and OL. Then because  $af$  is bisected in F it is parallel to AE. and since  $Aa = Ab$ , and  $Ef = Ee$ ,  $eb$  will also be parallel to AE, and in the same way it may be shewn that  $dc$ , BD,  $eb$ ;  $bc$ , AC, IL;  $de$ , EC, IK are parallel to each other respectively.

But IL, IK and LK are bisected in E, A and C, therefore  $ab = \frac{1}{3}IK$ ,  $cd = \frac{1}{3}LK$  and  $ef = \frac{1}{3}IL$ .  
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Moreover

$$2IM = 3IF \text{ or } IC;$$

hence,  $3:2::IM:IF::AE:af = \frac{2}{3}AE = \frac{1}{3}KL$ ;

and in like manner,  $bc = \frac{1}{3}IL$  and  $de = \frac{1}{3}IK$ ;

therefore  $a'^2 + bc^2 + cd^2 + d'^2 + ef^2 + af^2 = \frac{2}{9}(IL^2 + IK^2 + LK^2)$ .

But  $IL^2 + IK^2 = 2LC^2 + 2IC^2$  and  $LK^2 = 4LC^2$ ;

therefore  $IL^2 + IK^2 + LK^2 = 6LC^2 + 2IC^2$ .

Now by Emersl. Conics I. 47. Cor.  $LC^2 = \frac{1}{4}XY^2$

(XY being conjugate to CF) and  $IC^2 = \frac{1}{4}CF^2$ ;

therefore  $6LC^2 + 2IC^2 = \frac{3}{2}(XY^2 + CF^2)$ ,

hence,  $ab^2 + bc^2 + cd^2 + de^2 + ef^2 + af^2 = XY^2 + CF^2$   
 $P^2 + Q^2$ .

In the same way may be shewn that

$$pq^2 + qr^2 + rs^2 + st^2 + tu^2 + ua^2 = P^2 + Q^2.$$

theref.  $ab^2 + bc^2 + cd^2 + \&c. = pq^2 + qr^2 + rs^2 + \&c.$

Again since AE, BD and BE are bisected in M, N, & O, AB & DE are each parallel and = to MN =  $\frac{1}{2}FC$ ;

therefore  $AB^2 + DE^2 = \frac{1}{2}FC^2$ ,

and  $BC^2 + CD^2 = 2NB^2 + 2CN^2 = 2AM^2 + 2MF^2 = AF^2 + EF^2$ ;

theref.  $AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + DE^2 + EF^2 + AF^2 = \frac{1}{2}FC^2 + 4AM^2 +$

$$4MF^2, \text{ but } 4MF^2 = \frac{1}{2}FC^2 \text{ and } 4MA^2 = LC^2 = \frac{3}{2}XY^2;$$

theref.  $AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + DE^2 + EF^2 + AF^2 = \frac{3}{2}(XY^2 + CF^2) =$

$\frac{3}{2}(P^2 + Q^2)$ ; in like manner  $PQ^2 + QR^2 + RS^2 + ST^2 + TV^2 +$

$VP^2 = \frac{3}{2}(P^2 + Q^2)$ ; theref.  $AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + \&c. = PQ^2 + QR^2$

$+ RS^2 + \&c.$

Moreover  $AO = OD$ ,  $OB = OE$ , and  $OC = OF$ ,

theref.  $OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 + OD^2 + OE^2 + OF^2 = 2OA^2 + 2OE^2$

$+ 2OF^2 = 4AM^2 + 4OM^2 + 2OF^2 = \frac{3}{2}(XY^2 + CF^2) = \frac{3}{2}(P^2 + Q^2)$ ;

in like man.  $OP^2 + OQ^2 + OR^2 + OS^2 + OT^2 + OV^2 = \frac{3}{2}(P^2 + Q^2)$ ;

theref.  $OA^2 + OB^2 + OC^2 + \&c. = OP^2 + OQ^2 + OR^2 + \&c.$

Lastly  $Oa = Od$ ,  $Ob = Oe$  and  $Oc = Of$ ,

theref.  $Oa^2 + Ob^2 + Oc^2 + Od^2 + Oe^2 + Of^2 = 2Oa^2 + 2Of^2 + 2Oe^2$

$= 4aF^2 + 4Of^2 + 4Oe^2 = CF^2 + 3OE^2 = CF^2 + XY^2 = P^2 + Q^2$ ;

in like manner  $Op^2 + Oq^2 + Or^2 + Os^2 + Ot^2 + Ou^2 = P^2 + Q^2$ ;

theref.  $Oa^2 + Ob^2 + Oc^2 + \&c. = Op^2 + Oq^2 + Or^2 + \&c.$

Q. E. D.

I have supposed the number of sides of each polygon to be six; if any other number had been supposed the demonstration would have been very little different; for, the sum of the squares is always either equal

equal to, or has a constant ratio to the sum of the squares of the axes of the ellipsis.

### XVII. QUESTION 45, answered by Mr. Lowry.

An elegant demonstration to this proposition may be seen in *Dr. Stewart's Tracts*, page 50, from whence the whole of PAPPUS' compositions have been taken! The following demonstration is somewhat different from Dr. STEWART'S.

Draw the conjug. CS and join GE (fig. 157, pl. 10).  
 Becau.  $DG(DM) + EG = AB = DM + ME$ , GE will be  $= ME$ .  
 Hence, by the circ.  $DM^2 : MO^2 :: DM : ME :: DG : GE$ .  
 but, *Em. Conics* I. 24,  $DK^2 : CS^2 :: DG : GE$ ;  
 therefore  $DK : CS :: DM : MO :: DN : NQ$ .  
 In like manner  $DL : CS :: DN : NP$ ;  
 therefore  $DK : DL :: PN : NQ$ .

Q. E. D.

Cor. By Dr. Stewart,  $DG^2 : ADB :: DG : GE$ .

### XVIII. QUESTION 46, answered.

*Messrs. Elliott, Lowry, Sanderfon, Simpson, Swale and Thornoby agree in saying that this question is not properly limited.*

### XIX. QUESTION 47, answered by Mr. I. T. M'Donald, Durham.

Draw AKNH (fig. 158, pl. 10.) perpendicular and ML parallel to the base, put  $BC = a$ ,  $AH = d$ ,  $NH = v$  and  $LM = (ad - av) \div d = y$ . Then by Emerson's Fluxions, page 344, the fluent of  $yv^2 \dot{v} \div d$  or  $(adv^2 \dot{v} - av^3 \dot{v}) \div d^2 = (\text{when } v = d) \frac{1}{1\frac{1}{2}} ad^2$ , is as the strength of the beam BAC.

To find the strength of the remaining beam BDIC, put  $KH = h$ ,  $DI = b$  and  $LM = (ah - av + bv) \div h$ .  
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$=y$ ; Then  $yv^2\dot{v}\div h=(ahv^4\dot{v}-av^3\dot{v}+bv^2\dot{v})\div\frac{7}{2}h^2$ ; and its fluent (when  $v=h$ ) is  $\frac{1}{1\frac{1}{2}}(ah^2+3bh^2)$ .

Cor. 1. If  $a=d=9$ , then  $b=1$  and  $h=8$ ; also  $\frac{1}{1\frac{1}{2}}ad^2=60\cdot75$ , and  $\frac{1}{1\frac{1}{2}}(ah^2+3bh^2)=64$ ; that is, the strength of the whole beam is to that of the part (when 1-9th of the depth AK is cut away,) as  $60\frac{3}{4}$  to 64.

Cor. 2. If  $AK=x$ , then  $DI=ax\div d$ , and the latter expression then becomes  $\frac{1}{1\frac{1}{2}}((a+3ax\div d)\times d\cdot x^2)$ , the fluxion of which gives  $x=\frac{1}{3}$ , which shews that the strength of the remaining beam is a *maximum*.

Cor. 3. If this last expression for the maximum be made equal to  $\frac{1}{1\frac{1}{2}}ad^2$ , we get  $x^2-\frac{3}{2}dx=\frac{1}{2}d^2$ ; whence  $x=2\cdot091673=AK$ , when the strength of the remaining beam is equal to that of the whole.

*The answer by Mr. Lowry is to the same effect.*

*The same otherwise by Mr. John Surtées.*

Demit the perpendiculars IS, DQ and let  $h$  be the height and  $2h$  the base, and  $x=IS$  any variable height from the base: Then (by Emerson's Fluxions, page 344,) the strength of the parallelogram SIDQ is as  $\frac{1}{3}(2hx^2-2x^3)$ , and the strength of the triangle CIS ( $=BDQ$ ) is as  $\frac{1}{1\frac{1}{2}}x^3$ ; therefore the strength of the whole trapezoid IDBC is as  $\frac{1}{3}(2hx^2-2x^3)+\frac{1}{6}x^3$ , which in the present case ought to be a *maximum*, or  $4hx^2-3x^3=a\max$ . Fluxed and reduced gives  $x=\frac{2}{3}h$ , which proves the truth of what Emerson asserts.

*And thus the answer is given by Messrs. Bulmer and Thornoby.*

XX. QUESTION 48, answered by Mr. G. Sanderfon, London.

If on  $a$  as a diameter a circle be described, and any distance (represented by  $x$ ) be taken on the  
diameter

diameter produced, and a tangent drawn to the circle at that distance be called  $y$ ; then by the property of the circle  $y^2 = (a+x) \cdot x$ , or  $\frac{y^2}{x} = a+x$ .

If  $x$  be made the abscissa, and  $y$  a perpendicular ordinate, the locus is an *equilateral hyperbola*, whose diameter is  $a$ ; and  $y^2 = (a+x) \cdot x$ , or  $\frac{y^2}{x} = a+x$ .

When  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ , and  $\frac{y^2}{x} = \frac{0}{0} = a+0=a$ .

As Mathematicians are well acquainted with the usefulness of the expression  $\frac{0}{0}$ , in determining the

limits of curves, I shall give myself no further trouble at present to convince the dabblers in science, such as *Search, No Conjurer, &c. &c.* but defer the remainder of my observations 'till I send the solution to the 19th question, in Number III.

*Ingenious solutions were likewise given by Messrs. Elliott, Lowry, Simpson, Swale and Thornoby.*

#### ARTICLE XLIII.

#### MATHEMATICAL QUESTIONS,

(To be answered in Number VI.)

##### I. QUESTION 69, by Mr. O. G. Gregory.

**A**N engineer intending to construct a detached bastion, having the salient angle and the angle of the shoulders each  $110^\circ$ , also the length of each face 60 yards; (measuring along the interior edge of the superior talus of the parapet :) wishes to know what must be the length of each flank, that the gorge may measure no more than 80 yards?

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II. QUESTION 70, *by Mr. Lightfoot, Pupil to Mr. Lowry, at Birmingham.*

Standing at the distance of 50 feet from the side of a river, on the opposite bank of which stands a spire, whose top, when my eye was on a level with its bottom, subtended an angle of  $40^{\circ} 30'$ , but my eye being elevated five feet and a half above that level, I found the angle subtended by the top of the spire, and a mark on the nearest bank of the river (in a direct line with me and the spire) to be  $50^{\circ} 40'$ . From hence I demand the breadth of the river and the height of the spire?

III. QUESTION 71, *by Mr. William Peacock, Land Surveyor, at Birmingham.*

A poor, but industrious cottager has an acre of land, on an adjoining common, given him by the gentlemen of the parish where he resides, which by agreement is to be in the form of a right parabola; now the poor man not being able to fence it without the assistance of his well-disposed neighbours, wishes some ingenious gentleman would tell him what it will cost at 4d. per yard, and he also requests a plan of his little field, so that the perimeter may be the least possible?

IV. QUESTION 72, *by Mr. Johnston, Birmingham.*

To find three numbers in harmonical proportion, such, that the difference of every two of them may be a square number?

V. QUESTION 73, *by Mr. Ralph Simpson.*

Having a semi-spherical vessel, whose diameter is 48 inches, filled with water, I immersed therein a leaden cylinder whose length was 32 inches, and found that the quantity of water overflowing was a *maximum*. What was the diameter of the cylinder's base?

VI. QUESTION 74, *by Mr. J. H. Swale.*

In the periphery of a given circle ABD, are three given points A, B, D: and without the circle a given point P. From A, B two bodies  $a, b$  move (in the circumference of the circle.) towards D, but in contrary directions, with celerities which are as  $m$  to  $n$ ; at the same time another body  $p$  sets off from P, in a direct line to D, with a given celerity  $r$ : it is required to determine the position of the bodies  $a, b, p$ , with the distances gone over, when the angle under which  $a$  and  $b$  are seen from  $p$  is a *maximum*.

VII. QUESTION 75, *by Mr. J. H. Swale.*

A ball let fall upon a perfectly inflexible and even plane, from a given height  $a$ , at the end of the third reflection ascended to two-thirds of the height it first fell from; required from hence the ratio of its elasticity to perfect elasticity?

VIII. QUESTION 76, *by Mr. M. A. Harrison.*

A piece of dry oak in the form of a conic frustrum whose diameters are 4 and 2 inches and perpendicular height 8 inches, is suspended by a chain from the middle of its side; required the specific gravity of a similar solid, which being cemented to it, the whole may remain in equilibrium, that is, with its axis parallel to the horizon?

IX. QUESTION 77, *by the Rev. Mr. L. Evans.*

In a certain north latitude in the spring of the year 1792, when the sun's declination was double his altitude at six; the difference of the sines of his meridian altitude and mid-night depression was equal to the sine of half the latitude.—*Query*, the time and place?

X.

**X. QUESTION 78, by Mr. W. Lover, Hampton.**

Near the venerable city of Oxford once stood an ancient monument, (in form of a cylinder,) which in one of the stormy blasts of November was blown from its perpendicular direction, so as to make an angle of  $70^{\circ}$  with the horizon; in this position it remained for several years, 'till the ruinous hand of time had mouldered its foundation, when in five seconds it fell to the ground. Tell me ingenious philomaths how high it was?

**XI. QUESTION 79, by Mr. Samuel Thornoby.**

If from two given points A and B, equi-distant from, but on contrary sides of a right line DE given in position, two lines be drawn to cut it in K and L, and intersect each other in some point F of another right line FE given in position, and if from L a line be drawn to a third given point C, CF be joined, and a line drawn from K parallel to AC and cutting CF in S; the locus of the point S is required?

**XII. QUESTION 80, by Mr. Thomas Keith.**

Given the sun's declination, two altitudes of the sun, taken on the same day, and the time elapsed between the observations, to determine the latitude of the place, by an orthographical construction of the problem, without drawing ellipses?

**XIII. QUESTION 81, by Mr. A. Buchanan.**

The ends of a string 5 feet long are fastened to two immoveable tacks 3 feet asunder, placed in a right line, making with the horizon an angle of  $45^{\circ}$ . It is required to determine the position of the string when a ring of heavy metal sliding freely thereon rests in equilibrio?

**XIV. QUESTION 82, by Mr. Richard Elliott.**

ABC is half a given segment of a circle, and AED is a quadrant of another given circle; it is required

draw a radius AL, so that the part ML, intercepted between the peripheries of the segment and quadrant may be equal to the perpendicular MN let fall from the point M in the segment?

**XV. QUESTION 83, by Mr. John Surtees.**

Given the two legs of a right angled spherical angle, to construct it so as to have the hypotenuse on the primitive?

**XVI. QUESTION 84, by Mr. Swale.**

Given the line bisecting the vertical angle and terminating in the base, the sum or difference of the greater side and the adjacent segment of the base made by that line, and the difference of the angles at the base, to construct the plane triangle?

**XVII. QUESTION 86, by Mr. John Lowry.**

Given the sum of the sides, the vertical angle, and the difference of the angles at the base of a spherical triangle, to project it?

**XVIII. QUESTION 86, by Mr. Lowry.**

Given the vertical angle and the line bisecting it when produced to meet the circumscribing circle, to construct the plane triangle, when the sum of the cubes on the two sides is equal to a given cube?

**XIX. QUESTION 87, by Mr. Lowry.**

To determine geometrically, in the diagonal of a given square, a point, such, that the sum of the cubes upon the perpendiculars demitted from that point to the sides of the square may be equal to a given cube?

**XX. PRIZE QUESTION 88, by Mr. William Wallace, Assistant Teacher of the Mathematics, in the Academy, at Perth.**

If three straight lines touch a parabola, a circle described through their intersections shall pass through the focus of the parabola. Required the demonstration?

## ARTICLE XLIV.

*London's Theorem for the Calculation of Fluents.**(Continued from page 178.)*

## TABLE IV.

*Note.* The necessary explanation respecting the values of the quantities concerned in the following Theorems is given at the end.

## THEOREM I.

$$\dot{F} = x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^3 - x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{3} y^{-\frac{1}{3}} \dot{y} \div (b^3 - y^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

$$F = K - \frac{3}{2} a^{-\frac{2}{3}} B.$$

$$\text{Here } z = \left( a^{\frac{2}{3}} - x^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \div x^{\frac{2}{3}} = (b - y) \div y.$$

## THEOREM II.

$$\text{The wh. flu. } x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^3 - x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ is } = \frac{2}{3} a^{-\frac{2}{3}} P \div \left( 3 + \frac{1}{3} \right).$$

## THEOREM III.

$$\dot{F} = x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^3 - x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{2} y \dot{y} \div (b^3 - y^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

$$= K - \frac{3}{2} a^{-\frac{1}{3}} D.$$

Here  $z = (a^{\frac{2}{3}} - x^{\frac{2}{3}}) \div a^{\frac{2}{3}} = (b-y) \div b.$

## THEOREM IV.

The wh. flu.  $x^{\frac{1}{3}} \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= \frac{1}{3} a^{\frac{1}{2}} P \div (3 + 1).$

## THEOREM V.

$\dot{F} = x^{\frac{1}{3}} \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{2} y \dot{y} \div (b^2 - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$

$F = K + \frac{3}{2} a^{\frac{1}{3}} \times (C - D).$

Here  $z = (a^{\frac{2}{3}} - x^{\frac{2}{3}}) \div a^{\frac{2}{3}} = (b-y) \div b.$

## THEOREM VI.

The whole fluent of  $x^{\frac{1}{3}} \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= \frac{1}{4} a^{\frac{1}{3}} Q.$

## THEOREM VII.

$\dot{F} = x^{\frac{2}{3}} \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{2} y^{\frac{3}{2}} \dot{y} \div (b^2 - y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$

$F = K + \frac{3}{4} a^{\frac{2}{3}} \times (A + B) - \frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{(a^2 - x^2)}.$

Here  $z = (a^{\frac{2}{3}} - x^{\frac{2}{3}}) \div x^{\frac{2}{3}} = (b-y) \div y.$

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## THEOREM VIII.

The whole fluent of  $x^{\frac{2}{3}} \dot{\div} (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= \frac{2}{3} a Q \div 1$ .

## THEOREM IX.

$$\dot{F} = x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dot{\div} (x^3 - a^3)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{-1}{3} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{\div} (y^3 - b^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{2}{3} a D.$$

$$\text{Here } z = \left( x^{\frac{2}{3}} - a^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \div x^{\frac{2}{3}} = (y - b) \div y.$$

## THEOREM X.

The wh. flu.  $x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dot{\div} (x^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= \frac{1}{3} a P \div (3 + 1)$ .

## THEOREM XI.

$$\dot{F} = x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \dot{\div} (x^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3} y \dot{\div} (y^2 - b^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{1}{3} a B.$$

$$\text{Here } z = \left( x^{\frac{2}{3}} - a^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \div a^{\frac{2}{3}} = (y - b) \div b.$$

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## THEOREM XII.

The *wh. flu.*  $x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \div (x^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= \frac{2}{3} a^{\frac{2}{3}} P \div (\frac{1}{2} + 1)$ .

## THEOREM XIII.

$$\dot{F} = x^{\frac{1}{3}} \dot{x} \div (x^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3} y \dot{y} \div (y^3 - b^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{2}{3} a^{\frac{1}{3}} \times (A + B).$$

$$\text{Here } z = \left( x^{\frac{2}{3}} - a^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \div a^{\frac{2}{3}} = (y - b) \div b.$$

*Note.* The *whole* fluent is infinite.

## THEOREM XIV.

$$\dot{F} = x^{\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (x^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3} y^{\frac{2}{3}} \dot{y} \div (y^3 - b^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{2}{3} a^{\frac{2}{3}} \times (C - D) + \frac{2}{3} x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \sqrt{(x^2 - a^2)}.$$

$$\text{Here } z = \left( x^{\frac{2}{3}} - a^{\frac{2}{3}} \right) \div x^{\frac{2}{3}} = (y - b) \div y.$$

*Note.* The *whole* fluent is infinite:

## ARTICLE XLV.

*Atwood's Investigations on Watch Balances.**(Continued from page 164.)*

SINCE watches and time-keepers are usually adjusted to mean time when the balance makes 5 vibrations in a second, the time of a semivibration will in this case  $= \frac{1}{10}$  part of a second: the substitution of  $\frac{1}{10}$  for  $t$  being made in the preceding equation, the force which accelerates the circumference of the balance, when at any given angular distance  $c^\circ$  from the quiescent position, will be determined for all time-keepers adjusted to mean time, in which the balances make 5 vibrations in a second. Suppose the given angle  $c^\circ = 90^\circ$ ; then making  $c^\circ = 90^\circ$ ,  $p = 3.14159$ , &c.  $l = 193$ ,  $t = \frac{1}{10}$ , the accelerative force at the angular distance from quiescence  $90^\circ$  or  $F = p^2 r 90^\circ \div (8/t^2 \times 180^\circ) = r \times 1.00408926$ . We have therefore arrived at the following conclusion: if the radius of the balance is equal to one inch, and the time-keeper is adjusted to mean time when the balance makes 5 vibrations in a second, the force which accelerates the circumference of the balance at the distance of  $90^\circ$  from the quiescent position, is  $= 1.00408926$ , the accelerative force of gravity being  $= 1$ . And if the radius of the balance is greater or less than 1 inch, the force by which the circumference is accelerated at the distance of  $90^\circ$  from quiescence, will be greater or less than 1.00408926 in proportion to the radii.

According to the principles assumed in the preceding solution, the spring's elastic force is supposed to vary in the proportion of the angular distances from the quiescent position, and on this condition, the vibrations are shewn to be isochronous

ronous, whether they are performed in longer or shorter arcs; but if the spring's elastic force at different distances from quiescence should not be precisely in the ratio here assumed, the longer and shorter arcs may be described in times differing in any proportions of inequality. If, for instance, the spring's force, instead of varying in the ratio of the aforesaid distances, should vary in the  $\frac{200}{1000}$  power,  $\frac{1}{1000}$  power of the distances, it does not appear from the preceding solution what alteration in the daily rate would be caused by this change in the law of the force's variation, when the semi-arc of vibration is increased or diminished by a given arc. To ascertain this point fully, other researches will be necessary, by which it may be known, what alteration in the daily rate of a time-keeper is occasioned by a given increase or diminution of the arc of vibration, when the spring's elastic force varies in a ratio of the distances from the quiescent position, the general index or exponent of which is any number or fraction  $n$ .

The force which accelerates the balance being assumed in that power of the distances the exponent of which is  $n$ , let  $BO = b$  (fig. 81, pl. 5.) be the semiarc of vibration when the time-keeper is adjusted to mean time; let  $DO = a$ ; the accelerating force on the circumference at the distance from quiescence  $OD = F$ ; suppose the circumference to have described the arc  $BH$  from the extremity of the arc  $B$ ; and let  $HO = x$ : then the force by which the circumference is accelerated when at the angular distance from the quiescent

position  $OH = Fx^n \div a^n$ ; let  $u$  be the space through which a body falls freely from rest by the acceleration of gravity, to acquire the velocity of the circumference when it has described the arc  $BH$ ; the principles of acceleration give this equation

tion:  $\dot{u} = -Fx^n \dot{x} \div a^n$ : taking the fluents while  $x$  decreases from  $b$  to  $n$ ,  $u = (Fb^{n+1} - Fx^{n+1}) \div (n+1) a^n$ , and  $l$  being 193 inches, the velocity acquired by the circumference after describing BH, will be  $= \sqrt{4lF \div (n+1)a^n} \times \sqrt{b^{n+1} - x^{n+1}}$ ; let  $T$  be the time of describing the arc BH; wherefore

$T = \sqrt{(n+1)a^n \div 4lF} \times \int \dot{x} \div \sqrt{b^{n+1} - x^{n+1}}$ . The time of describing the arc BH will be the fluent of this fluxion, while  $x$  decreases from  $b$  to  $x$ , and the time of describing the semiarc BO will be the entire

fluent of  $\sqrt{(n+1)a^n \div 4lF} \times \int \dot{x} \div \sqrt{b^{n+1} - x^{n+1}}$ , while  $x$  decreases from  $b$  to  $o$ .

Now let the balance commence its vibration from any other point I, (fig. 81, pl. 5.) and let  $IO = c$ ; suppose the circumference to have described the arc IK, and make  $OK = y$ ; let  $t$  be the time of describing the arc IK; then by proceeding in the same manner as in the former case, it is found that

$t = \sqrt{(n+1)a^n \div 4lF} \times \int \dot{y} \div \sqrt{c^{n+1} - y^{n+1}}$ ; and the time of describing the semiarc IO, will be the entire fluent of this fluxion, while  $y$  decreases from  $c$  to  $o$ . Although the fluents of the fluxions

$= \dot{x} \div \sqrt{b^{n+1} - x^{n+1}}$  and  $\dot{y} \div \sqrt{c^{n+1} - y^{n+1}}$  cannot be expressed in general terms, yet the exact proportion of the said fluents may be assigned, which will be the proportion of the times in which the balance vibrates in the two semiarcs BO, IO; the mul-

tiplying quantity  $\sqrt{(n+1)a^n \div 4lF}$  being common

to both fluxions; and since the entire fluent \* of

$-x \div \sqrt{b^{n+1} - x^{n+1}}$  is to the entire fluent of

$-y \div \sqrt{c^{n+1} - y^{n+1}}$  as  $b^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$  is to  $c^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$ ,

it follows, that the time of a semivibration in the arc BO is to the time of a semivibration in the arc

IO, as  $b^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$  to  $c^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$  or as 1 to  $(IO \div BO)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$ .

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$$* \quad x \div \sqrt{b^{n+1} - x^{n+1}} = (1 \div b^{\frac{n+1}{2}}) \times x \div \sqrt{1 - x \div b^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}$$

$$\text{and } y \div \sqrt{c^{n+1} - y^{n+1}} = (1 \div c^{\frac{n+1}{2}}) \times y \div \sqrt{1 - y \div c^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}.$$

To find the proportion of the entire fluent of  $x \div \sqrt{1 - x \div b^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}$

to the entire fluent of  $y \div \sqrt{1 - y \div c^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}$

make  $x = by \div c$ , so that when  $x=0$ ,  $y=0$ , and when  $x=b$ ,  $y=c$ ;

then  $x \div \sqrt{1 - x \div b^{\frac{n+1}{2}}} \times 1 = (b \div c) \times y \div \sqrt{1 - y \div c^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}$ , and

the proportion of  $x \div \sqrt{1 - x \div b^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}$  to  $y \div \sqrt{1 - y \div c^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}$

will be equal to that of  $b \div c$  to 1, or of  $b$  to  $c$ ; this being the constant proportion of the fluxions when  $x = by \div c$ , the fluents will be in the same proportion, provided  $x = by \div c$ ; wherefore

the entire fluent of  $x \div \sqrt{b^{n+1} - x^{n+1}}$  will be to the entire fluent

of  $y \div \sqrt{c^{n+1} - y^{n+1}}$  as  $b \div b^{\frac{n+1}{2}}$  to  $c \div c^{\frac{n+1}{2}}$  or as  $b^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$  to  $c^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$ .

It is not necessary to add constant quantities to the fluents of the

fluxions  $-x \div \sqrt{b^{n+1} - x^{n+1}}$ ,  $-y \div \sqrt{c^{n+1} - y^{n+1}}$ ;

because when the entire fluents are taken, the  $\pm$  are precisely in the same proportion, whether the constant quantities (or corrections as they are sometimes termed) are added or omitted.

## ARTICLE XLVI.

*On the Resolution of Indeterminate Problems;**By John Leslie, A. M.**(Continued from page 159.)*

## PROBLEM V.

**T**O find two squares which, diminished by unit, shall be in a given ratio.

By hypothesis,  $a : b :: x^2 - 1 : y^2 - 1$ ; whence the equation  $ay^2 - a = bx^2 - b$ , and by resolution,  $(ay + a)(y - 1) = (bx + b)(y - 1)$ : wherefore by assumption,  $ay + a = bx + b$ , and  $my - m = bx + b$ . Transposing the first,  $ay = bx + b - a$ , and dividing  $y = (mx - m - a) \div m$ . Transposing the second,  $my = bx + b + m$ , and dividing  $y = (bx + b + m) \div m$ , wherefore,  $(mx - m - a) \div m = (bx + b + m) \div m$ , and reducing  $m^2x - m^2 - ma = bx + ab + ma$ , that is,  $m^2x - abx = m^2 + ab + 2ma$ , and therefore,  $x = (m^2 + ab + 2ma) \div (m^2 - ab)$ ; but  $y = (bx + b + m) \div m$ , consequently  $y = (m^2 + ab + 2mb) \div (m^2 - ab)$ .

Suppose  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ , and  $m = 3$ ; then  $x = (9 + 6 + 12) \div (9 - 6) = 9$ , and  $y = (9 + 6 + 18) \div (9 - 6) = 11$ ; but  $2 : 3 :: 80 : 120$ .

*Cor. 1.* When the numbers  $x$  and  $y$  are very great, it is obvious that the ratio of  $x^2 - 1$  to  $y^2 - 1$ , will be nearly equal to that of  $x^2$  to  $y^2$ ; and consequently the ratio of  $\sqrt{a}$  to  $\sqrt{b}$  will be still more nearly equal to that of  $x$  to  $y$ . If  $a$  and  $b$ , besides be nearly equal, the approximation will be more accurate. Let  $m = a$ ; then the denominator  $m^2 - ab$  will be small, and therefore the fractions large; whence, by substitution  $\sqrt{a} : \sqrt{b} :: (a^2 + ab + 2a^2) \div (a^2 - ab) : (a^2 + ab + 2ab) \div (a^2 - ab) = 3a^2 + ab : 3ab + a^2 = 3a + b : 3b + a$ , nearly.

Thus  $\sqrt{49} : \sqrt{50} :: 197 : 199 :: 7 : 7 + \frac{1}{14}$ , hence  $\sqrt{50} = 7.07107$ , true to the last place.

*Cor. 2.* Let  $m = \frac{1}{2}(a + b)$ ; then  $m^2 - ab = \frac{1}{4}(a + b)^2 - ab = \frac{1}{4}(a - b)^2$ , which when  $a$  and  $b$  are nearly equal,

equal, will be small, and by substitution,  $\sqrt{a} : \sqrt{b} :: \frac{(\frac{1}{2}(a+b))^2 + ab + a(a+b)}{(\frac{1}{2}(a+b))^2 - ab} : \frac{(\frac{1}{2}(a+b))^2 + ab + b(a+b)}{(\frac{1}{2}(a+b))^2 - ab}$ , nearly; hence, by proper reductions  $\sqrt{a} : \sqrt{b} :: (5a^2 + 10ab + b^2) : 5b^2 + 10ab + a^2$ . This formula is more intricate than the former, but still more accurate. Thus,  $\sqrt{6} : \sqrt{10} :: 405 + 900 + 100 : 500 + 900 + 81 = 1405 : 1481$ , and  $\sqrt{10} = 3.16209$ , true to the last place.

### PROBLEM VI.

Let it be required to find a number, such that, if given multiples of it be increased by given numbers, the product of the sums shall be a square

Let  $(ex + f)(gx + h) = y^2$ ; by assumption  $ex + f = my$  and  $gx + h = y \div m$ . Transposing the first equation, and dividing,  $x = (my - f) \div e$ . Reducing the second,  $mgx + mh = y$ , and transposing and dividing,  $x = (y - mh) \div mg$ ; whence,  $(my - f) \div e = (y - mh) \div mg$ , and reducing,  $m^2gy - mfg = ey - meh$ , and transposing,  $m^2gy - ey = mfg - meh$ , and consequently  $y = (mfg - meh) \div (m^2g - e)$ . Also  $x = (y - mh) \div mg = (f - m^2h) \div (m^2g - e)$ .

Suppose  $(7x + 6)(2x + 1) = y^2$ . If  $m = 2$ , then  $x = (6 - 4) \div (8 - 7) = 2$ , and  $y = (24 - 14) \div (8 - 7) = 10$ ; but  $20 \times 5 = 100 = (10)^2$ .

*Cor.* Let  $e = 1$  and  $g = 1$ ; the hypothesis will become  $(x + f)(x + h) = y^2$ . In this case, we obtain  $x = (f - m^2h) \div m^2 - 1$ , and  $y = (mf - mh) \div (m^2 - 1)$ . Thus, if  $(x + 12)(x + 2)$ , where  $f = 12$ , and  $h = 2$ , and  $m = \frac{3}{2}$ ; then  $x = (12 - 18 \div 4) \div (9 \div 4 - 1) = 6$ , and  $y = (\frac{3}{2} \times 10) \div (9 \div 4 - 1) = 12$ ; but  $18 \times 8 = 144 = (12)^2$ .

### PROBLEM VII.

Let it be required to find rational values of  $x$  and  $y$ , in the general quadratic  $Ax^2 + Bx + C = y^2$ .

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*Case 1.* When the first term is a square.

Suppose  $A=a^2$ , when the expression becomes  $a^2x^2 + bx + c = y^2$ ; by transposition,  $bx + c = y^2 - a^2x^2$ , and resolving into factors,  $b(x+c \div b) = (y+ax)(y-ax)$ ; whence by assumption  $x+c \div b = my - max$ , and  $b = (y+ax) \div m$ . Reducing the first equation,  $bx + c = mby - mabx$ , and  $y = (mabx + bx + c) \div mb$ . Again reducing the second,  $mb = y + ax$ , and  $y = mb - ax$ ; consequently  $(mabx + bx + c) \div mb = mb - ax$ , or  $mabx + bx + c = m^2b^2 - mabx$ , and therefore,  $x = (m^2b^2 - c) \div (2mab + b)$ . But  $y = mb - ax$ ; therefore,  $y = (m^2ab^2 + mb^2 + ac) \div (2mab + b)$ .

Suppose  $9x^2 + 7x + 14 = y^2$ , and  $m=2$ ; then  $x = (4 \times 49 - 14) \div (4 \times 21 + 7) = 2$ , and  $y = (4 \times 147 + 2 \times 49 + 42) \div (4 \times 21 + 7) = 8$ ; but  $9 \times 4 + 7 \times 2 + 14 = 64 = (8)^2$ .

*Cor. 1.* Let  $a=1$ , the expression becomes  $x^2 + bx + c = y^2$ ; and  $x = (m^2b^2 - c) \div (2mb + b)$ , and  $y = (m^2b^2 + mb^2 + c) \div (2mb + b)$ . Thus, if  $x^2 + 4x + 4 = y^2$ , and  $m=2$ ; then  $x = (64 - 4) \div (16 + 4) = 3$ , and  $y = (64 + 32 + 4) \div (16 + 4) = 5$ ; but  $9 + 4 \times 3 + 4 = 25 = (5)^2$ .

*Cor. 2.* When the third term is wanting, the expression becomes  $a^2x^2 + bx = y^2$ ; and in this case, the formulæ will become by reduction,  $x = m^2b \div (2ma + 1)$ , and  $y = (m^2ab + mb) \div (2ma + 1)$ . Thus, if  $9x^2 + 13x = y^2$ , and  $m=2$ ; then  $x = 52 \div (4 \times 3 + 1) = 4$ , and  $y = (4 \times 39 + 2 \times 13) \div (4 \times 3 + 1) = 14$ ; but  $9 \times 16 + 4 \times 13 = 196 = (14)^2$ .

## ARTICLE XLVII.

*Demonstrations to Dr. Stewart's Propositions  
proposed in ARTICLE XXI.*

PROP. XV. THEO. XII. *Fig. 159, Plate. 11.*

*Demonstrated by Mr. John Lowry.*

**L**ET there be any number of right lines AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. given by position intersecting each other in the point A; two right lines AY, AZ may be found which will be given by position, such, that if from any point X there be drawn the perpendiculars XB, XC, XD, XE, &c. to the right lines AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. given by position, and likewise XY, XZ perpendiculars to AY, AZ the two right lines found, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars XB, XC, XD, XE, &c. drawn to the right lines AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. given by position, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars XY, XZ drawn to AY, AZ the two right lines found by the number of the lines given by position.

Join AX and bisect it in Q; with the centre Q and distance QX or QA describe a circle intersecting the given lines in the points B, C, D, E, &c. Find the point V as in Prop. IX. for the points B, C, D, E, &c. join VQ and at right angles thereto draw YVZ meeting the circle in Y, Z; join AY, AZ and they will be the two right-lines that was to be found.

Join QB, QC, QD, QE, &c. VB, VC, VD, VE, &c. and VX, QY, QZ; XB, XC, XD, XE, &c. and XY, XZ being joined, will be perpendicular to AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. and AY, AZ respectively

By Prop. IX. the sum of the squares of QB, QC, QD, QE, &c. that is, the multiple of the square

square of the semidiameter  $QY$  of the circle by the number of the lines given by position, is equal to the sum of the squares of  $VB, VC, VD, VE, \&c.$  together with the multiple of the square of  $VQ$  by the number of the lines given by position. But the square of the semidiameter  $QY$  is equal to the sum of the squares  $VY, VQ$ ; therefore the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $VY, VQ$  by the number of the lines given by position is equal to the sum of the squares of  $VB, VC, VD, VE, \&c.$  together with the multiple of the square of  $VQ$  by the number of the lines given by position, that is, the multiple of the square of  $VY$  by the number of the lines given by position, is equal to the sum of the squares of  $VB, VC, VD, VE, \&c.$

Again, by Prop. IX. the sum of the squares of  $XB, XC, XD, XE, \&c.$  is equal to the sum of the squares of  $VB, VC, VD, VE, \&c.$  together with the multiple of the square of  $VX$  by the number of the lines given by position; therefore the sum of the squares of  $XB, XC, XD, XE, \&c.$  is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $VX, VY$  by the number of the lines given by position. But  $YZ$  is bisected in  $V$ ; therefore (by Prop. II. Cor.) the sum of the squares of  $XY, XZ$  is equal to twice the sum of the squares of  $VX, VY$ ; and therefore twice the sum of the squares of  $XB, XC, XD, XE, \&c.$  is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $XY, XZ$  by the number of the lines given by position.

*Note.* I presume it is unnecessary to prove that the right lines  $AY, AZ$  are given by position, since their position has really been determined in the construction.

*The same demonstrated by Mr. J. H. Swale.*

Let there be any number of right lines  $IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, \&c.$  (fig. 160, pl. 11.) given by position intersecting each other in the point  $I$ ; two right

ght lines QS, RT may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point P there be drawn the perpendiculars PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, &c. to the right lines IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, &c. given by position, and likewise PS, PT perpendiculars to QS, RT the two right lines found, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, &c. drawn to the right lines IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, &c. given by position will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars PS, PT drawn to QS, RT the two lines found by the number of the lines IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, &c. given by position.

Let there be five right lines IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, given by position intersecting each other in the point A; from any point P demit the perpendiculars PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, and join AB, CB, DB, EB; take AF = one-fifth of AB, CG = one-fifth of BC, DH = one-fifth of DB, EK = one-fifth of EB and join PF, PG, PH, PK, FK and HG; bisect KF, BF, GH, BH in L, N, M, V, and join PL, BL, NL, PM, BM, VM; also bisect LF, MH in O, W and join NO, VW: make OU, WY perpendicular to ON, VW, and equal to OF, WH respectively; join NU, VY and perpendicular hereto draw NX, VZ equal to LF, MH respectively, and join XU, YZ; again, take LS, MT perpendicular to PL, PM and equal to XU, YZ and join PS, PT; perpendicular to the lines PS, PT given in position, draw QS, RT given also in position and they will be the lines that was to be found.

For, four times the square of AP together with the square of BP is equal to five times the square of AP together with the rectangle ABF; four times the square of CP together with the square BP is equal to five times the square of CP together with the rectangle CBG, four times the square of DP together with the square of BP is equal to five times the

the square of HP together with the rectangle LBH, and four times the square of EP together with the square of BP is equal to five times the square of KP together with the rectangle EBK; and therefore, four times the sum of the squares of AP, BP, CP, DP, EP, is equal to five times the sum of the squares of FP, GP, HP, KP, together with the sum of the rectangles ABF, CBG, DBH, EBK, that is, equal to five times the sum of the squares of FP, GP, HP, KP, together with four times the sum of the squares of AF, CG, DH, EK, together with the sum of the squares of FB, GB, HB, KB, that is, equal to five times the sum of the squares of FP, GP, HP, KP, LN, NF, MV, VH. But, five times the sum of the squares of FP, KP, is equal to ten times the sum of the squares of PL, LF; five times the sum of the squares of GP, HP, is equal to ten times the sum of the squares of PM, GM; five times the sum of the squares of LN, NF is equal to ten times the sum of the squares of NO, NF, and five times the sum of the squares of MV, VH, is equal to ten times the sum of the squares of VW, WH; therefore twice the sum of the squares of AP, BP, CP, DP, EP, is equal to five times the sum of the squares PL, LF, NO, OF, PM, GM, VW, WH. But, five times the sum of the squares of NO, OF (UO), LF (NX), is equal to five times the square of LS; five times the sum of the squares VW, WH (WY), MG (VZ), is equal to five times the square of MT. Wherefore twice the sum of the squares of AP, BP, CP, DP, EP, is equal to five times the sum of the squares of PL, LS, PM, MT, that is, equal to five times the sum of the squares of PS, PT.

*The same demonstrated by Dr. Small.*

*LEMMA III. Added by Dr. Small.*

Let there be a figure ABCD (fig. 132, pl. 9.) given in species inscribed in a circle, the straight line EH drawn from E, the centre of the circle, to H, the centre of gravity of the figure, will have a given ratio to the semidiameter, and will make given angles with the semidiameters, drawn to the angular points of the figure.

The centre of gravity of the figure ABCD is found by bisecting AB in F, by joining FC and dividing it in G, so that  $CG=2GF$ , and by joining GD and dividing it in H, so that  $DH=3HG$ . Hence, and by joining BD and CA, the lemma will be manifest.

For the triangle BFE is right-angled in F, and the angle  $BEF=ADB$ , is given. Therefore the ratio of BE, or CE, to EF is given.

Again, in the triangle CEF, the angle  $CEF=BEC+BEF=2BDC+ADB=$  a given angle; and since the ratio of CE to EF, and of CG to GF are given, the line EG will divide the triangle CFE into two triangles given in species. Therefore the angle CEG, and the ratio of CE or DE, to EG, are given.

Lastly, in the triangle DEG; the angle  $DEG=2DAC+CEG$ , is given; and since the ratio of DE to EG, and of DH to HG, are given, the line EH will divide the triangle DEG into two triangles given in species. Therefore the angle DEH, and the ratio of DE to EH will be also given.

Let there be any number,  $m$ , of straight lines AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. (fig. 133, pl. 9.) given by position, intersecting one another in the point A, two straight lines AX, AY, may be found, which will be given by position, such, that if

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from any point F there be drawn the perpendiculars FB, FC, FD, FE, &c. to AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. and FX, FY, perpendicular to AX, AY,  $2(FB^2 + FC^2 + FD^2 + FE^2 + \&c.) = m(FX^2 + FY^2)$ .

Let  $m$  be  $= 4$ . Let G be the centre of the circle which passes through A, B, C, D, E, F, and H the centre of gravity of the figure BCDE. Join GH, and through H draw HXY perpendicular to GH, meeting the circumference in X, Y, and join GB, GC, GD, GE; HB, HC, HD, HF, AX, AY, FX, FY. Then, by Theorem 6.  $GB^2 + GC^2 + GD^2 + GE^2 = 4GB^2 = HB^2 + HC^2 + HD^2 + HE^2 + 4HG^2$ .

But  $4GB^2 = 4GX^2 = 4(GH^2 + HX^2)$ . Theref. also  $HB^2 + HC^2 + HD^2 + HE^2 + 4HG^2 = 4(HG^2 + HX^2)$ ; or,  $HB^2 + HC^2 + HD^2 + HE^2 = 4HX^2$ . Again, by Theorem 6.  $FB^2 + FC^2 + FD^2 + FE^2 = HB^2 + HC^2 + HD^2 + HE^2 + 4FH^2$ , and therefore  $FB^2 + FC^2 + FD^2 + FE^2 = 4(FH^2 + HX^2)$ . That is,  $2(FB^2 + FC^2 + FD^2 + FE^2) = 8(FH^2 + HX^2) = 4(FX^2 + FY^2)$ , (Prop. 1.).

But because the lines AB, AC, AD, AE, are given by position, the angles BAC, CAD, DAE, BAE, are given; therefore the angles BGC, CGD, DGE, BGE, which are the doubles of them, are also given, and the isosceles triangles BGC, CGD, DGE, BGE are given in species. Consequently, the ratio of the semidiameter GB to each of the lines BC, CD, DE, BE, is given, and therefore the ratios of BC, CD, DE, BE, to one another, are given; and the angles of the figure BCDE are also given, therefore the figure itself is given in species. Therefore (Lemma 3.) the ratio of GX to GH is given; and since the angle GHX is a right angle, the triangle GHX is given in species. therefore XGH, YGH are given. But BGH is given, (Lemma 3.); therefore BGX, BGY, and their halves BAX, BAY, are also given; and since BA is given by position, and the point A, the lines AX, AY, are also given by position.

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But  $FX$ ,  $FY$ , are perpendicular to  $AX$ ,  $AY$ , and it has been shewn that  $2(FB^2 + FC^2 + FD^2 + FE^2) = 4(FX^2 + FY^2)$ . Therefore  $AX$ ,  $AY$  are the two lines required to be found.

The construction is obvious, by assuming a point  $F$ , which, for the greater simplicity, may be in one of the given lines, and by describing the figure as above.

*Cor. I. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of right lines given by position, intersecting each other in a point; any even number of right lines may be found which will be given by position, such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to all the right lines given by position, and likewise to all the right lines found, the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the right lines given by position, by the number of the right lines found, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the right lines found by the number of the lines given by position.

*Cor. II. Added by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of circles given by position, having the same centre; two circles may be found, which will be given by position, such, that if from any point without the circles there be drawn tangents to all the circles given by position, and likewise to the two circles found, twice the sum of the squares of the tangents drawn to the circles given by position will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the tangents drawn to the two circles found by the number of the circles given by position.



*Cor. III. Added by Dr. Small.*

If from any point parallels be drawn to AB, AC, AD, AE, and to AX, AY, cutting the perpendiculars FB, FC, FD, FE, and FX, FY, in  $b, c, d, e$ , and in  $x, y$ ,

$$2(Fb^2 + Fc^2 + Fd^2 + Fe^2) = 4(Fx^2 + Fy^2).$$

*LEMMA IV. Added by Dr. Small.*

Let AB, AC, (fig. 134, pl. 9.) be two straight lines given by position, intersecting one another in the point A, and from any point D let DB, DC, be drawn perpendicular to AB, AC; let CB be joined and bisected in E, and from E let EF be drawn parallel, and equal to a given straight line; through F let GFH be drawn to meet DB and DC, so as to be bisected in F, and through G and H, let GK, HK, be drawn parallel to AB, AC: the lines GH, HK will be given by position. Through F draw LM parallel to BC, and through B and C draw BL and CM parallel to EF; join GL, HM; from A draw AN parallel and equal to EF; join LN, MN; through N draw OP parallel to GL, and join AO, AP.

Because GF=FH, and LF=FM, GL will be equal and parallel to HM; and because AN is equal and parallel to BL and to CM, the figures AM and AL are parallelograms. Therefore NL is parallel to GK, and NM to HK. Therefore NG and NH are parallelograms, and OG=NL=AB; hence AO is perpendicular to GK; and in the same manner, AP is perpendicular to HK. Therefore NO=LG=HM=NP. But the angle AOP is given, being the supplement of OKP, and since the point N is given, and NO=NP, the points O and P are given; and therefore AO and AP. Therefore the lines GK, HK, are given by position.

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PROP. XVI. THEO. XIII. Fig. 161, Pl 11.

*Demonstrated by Mr. John Lowry.*

Let there be any number of right lines AB, BC, CD, DA, &c. given by position, that are neither all parallel, nor intersecting each other in one point; two right lines PY, PZ, may be found, that will be given by position, such, that if from any point X there be drawn perpendiculars XE, XF, XG, XH, &c. to the right lines AB, BC, CD, DA, &c. given by position, and likewise XY, XZ, perpendiculars to PY, PZ, the two right lines found, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars XE, XF, XG, XH, &c. drawn to the right lines AB, BC, CD, DA, &c. given by position, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars XY, XZ, drawn to PY, PZ, the two right lines found by the number of the right lines given by position, together with a given space.

Find the point Q as in Prop. IX. for the points E, F, G, H, &c. from the point A, where two of the lines given by position intersect each other, draw AI, AK, &c. parallel to the rest of the lines BC, CD, &c. given by position. Let two right lines AL, AR, be found as in Prop. XV. for the right lines AI, AB, AD, AK, &c. and the point X. Draw XR, XL perpendicular to AR. AL, and through the point Q draw SQT perpendicular to XL; take QT equal to QS, and draw TY parallel to SX, meeting XR, produced, if necessary, in Y. Draw YQZ meeting XL in Z; then if ZP, YP, be drawn parallel to AL, AR, and intersecting each other in P, they will be two such right lines as are required.

From P draw Pa, Pb, Pc, Pd, &c. parallel to the right lines AB, BC, CD, DA, &c. given by position,

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sition, meeting the perpendiculars  $XE, XF, XG, XH, \&c.$  in  $a, b, c, d, \&c.$  Join  $QE, QF, QG, QH, \&c.$   $PE, PF, PG, PH, \&c.$   $PX, PQ,$  and  $QX$ ; and from  $P$  let  $PM, PN, PO, PV, \&c.$  be drawn perpendicular to the right lines  $AB, BC, CD, DA, \&c.$  given by position.

By Prop. IX. the sum of the squares of  $PE, PF, PG, PH, \&c.$  is equal to the sum of the squares of  $QE, QF, QG, QH, \&c.$  together with the multiple of the square of  $PQ$  by the number of the lines given by position. But the square of  $PE$  is equal to the sum of the squares of  $PM, ME$ , that is, equal to the sum of the squares of  $PM, Pa$ , and in the same way it will appear that the square of  $PF$  is equal to the sum of the squares of  $PN, Pb$ ; that the square of  $PG$  is equal to the sum of the squares of  $PO, Pc$ ; that the square of  $PH$  is equal to the sum of the squares  $PV, Pd$ ; and so on. Therefore the sum of the squares  $QE, QF, QG, QH, \&c.$  together with the multiple of the square of  $PQ$ , by the number of the lines given by position, is equal to the sum of the squares of  $PM, PN, PO, PV, \&c.$  together with the sum of the squares of  $Pa, Pb, Pc, Pd, \&c.$

Again (Prop. XV.) twice the sum of the squares of  $XE, XI, XK, XH, \&c.$  is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $XR, XL$ , by the number of the right lines given by position. But because  $Pa, Pb, Pc, Pd, \&c.$  are drawn from the point  $P$ , parallel to  $AB, AI, AK, AD, \&c.$  and  $PY, PZ$ , are likewise drawn parallel to  $AR, AL$ ; therefore it is easily shewn (Prop. XV.) that twice the sum of the squares of  $Xa, Xb, Xc, Xd, \&c.$  is equal the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $XY, XZ$ , by the number of the right lines given by position. But the multiple of the square of  $PX$ , by the number of the right lines given by position, is equal to the sum of the squares of  $Xa, Xb, Xc, Xd, \&c.$  together

gether with the sum of the squares of Pa, Pb, Pc, Pd, &c. and twice the multiple of the square of PN, by the number of the right lines given by position, is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of XY, XZ, by the number of the right lines given by position, together with the multiple of the sum of the squares of PY, PZ, by the same number; therefore twice the sum of the squares of Pa, Pb, Pc, Pd, &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of PY, PZ, by the number of the right lines given by position. But it has been shewn that the sum of the squares of QE, QF, QG, QH, &c. together with the multiple of the square of PQ, by the number of the right lines given by position, is equal to the sum of the squares of PM, PN, PO, PV, &c. together with the sum of the squares of Pa, Pb, Pc, Pd, &c. therefore twice the sum of the squares of QE, QF, QG, QH, &c. together with twice the multiple of the square of PQ, by the number of the right lines given by position, is equal to twice the sum of the squares of PM, PN, PO, PV, &c. together with twice the multiple of the sum of the squares of PY, PZ, by the number of the right lines given by position.

Again, (Prop. IX.) the sum of the squares of QE, QF, QG, QH, &c. together with the multiple of the square of XQ, by the number of the lines given by position, is equal to the sum of the squares of XE, XF, XG, XH, &c. therefore twice the sum of the squares of XE, XF, XG, XH, &c. is equal to twice the sum of the squares of PM, PN, PO, PV, &c. together with the difference between twice the multiple of the sum of the squares of PY, PZ, XQ, by the number of the right lines given by position, and twice the multiple of the square of PQ by the same number.

But TQ is equal to SQ, and TY is parallel to SX; therefore QY is equal to QZ: therefore (Prop. II.) the sum of the squares of PY, PZ, is

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equal to twice the sum of the squares of PQ, QY; therefore the difference between the sum of the squares of PY, PZ, XQ, and the square of PQ, is equal to twice the sum of the squares XQ, YQ, that is, (Prop. II.) equal to the sum of the squares of XY, XZ. Because the point P has been determined in the construction, the lines PM, PN, PO, PV, &c. are given in magnitude, therefore the sum of their squares is equal to a given space. Therefore twice the sum of the squares of XE, XF, XG, XH, &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of XY, XZ, by the number of the right lines given by position, together with a given space.

*The same demonstrated by Dr. Small, Fig. 135, Pl. 9.*

Let there be any number,  $m$ , of straight lines AB, BC, CD, DA, &c. given by position, neither all parallel nor intersecting in one point, two straight lines, XY, XZ, may be found, which will be given by position, such, that if from any point E there be drawn perpendiculars EF, EG, EH, EK, &c. to AB, BC, CD, DA, &c. and EY, EZ perpendiculars to XY, XZ.

$2(EF^2 + EG^2 + EH^2 + EK^2 \&c.) = m(EY^2 + EZ^2) + A^2$ ,  $A^2$  being a given space.

Let  $m=4$ , and from C, one of the points of intersection, draw Cf, Ck, parallel to the lines given by position that do not intersect in C. Let two straight lines CL, CM be found, such, that  $2(Ef^2 + EG^2 + EH^2 + Ek^2) = 4(EL^2 + EM^2)$ , (Theor. 12.). Let N be the centre of gravity of the four points F, G, H, K, (Theor. 6.). Through N draw YNZ, to meet EL, EM in Y, Z, and so as to be bisected in N. Through Y and Z draw YX, ZX perpendicular to EL, EM, intersecting each other in X. From X draw XP, XQ, XR, XS perpendicular, and Xa, Xb, Xc, Xd, parallel to AB, BC, CD, DA; let Xa, Xb, Xc, Xd meet EF, EG, EH, EK in a, b, c, d;

$e, d$ ; and let  $O$  be the centre of gravity of the four points  $f, G, H, k$ , where the parallels from  $C$ , to the lines given by position, meet the perpendiculars from  $E$ .

By Theor. 6.  $2(XF^2 + XG^2 + XH^2 + XK^2) = 2(NF^2 + NG^2 + NH^2 + NK^2) + 8NX^2$ . But  $2(XF^2 + XG^2 + XH^2 + XK^2) = 2(XP^2 + XQ^2 + XR^2 + XS^2) + 2(Xa^2 + Xb^2 + Xc^2 + Xd^2)$ . Therefore  $2(NF^2 + NG^2 + NH^2 + NK^2) + 8NX^2 = 2(XP^2 + XQ^2 + XR^2 + XS^2) + 2(Xa^2 + Xb^2 + Xc^2 + Xd^2)$ . But since,  $2(Ef^2 + EG^2 + EH^2 + Ek^2) = 4(EL^2 + EM^2)$ , and from the point  $X$  parallels to  $Cf, CG, CH, Ck$ , and to  $CL, CM$ , are drawn, cutting the perpendiculars from  $E$  to these lines, in  $a, b, c, d$ , and in  $Y, Z$ , therefore, by Cor. Theor. 12.  $2(Ea^2 + Eb^2 + Ec^2 + Ed^2) = 4(EY^2 + EZ^2)$ , and consequently  $2(Xa^2 + Xb^2 + Xc^2 + Xd^2) = 4(XY^2 + XZ^2) = 8(NY^2 + NX^2)$ , (Prop. 1.) Therefore  $2(NF^2 + NG^2 + NH^2 + NK^2) = 2(XP^2 + XQ^2 + XR^2 + XS^2) + 8NY^2$ . But by Theor. 6.  $2(EF^2 + EG^2 + EH^2 + EK^2) = 2(NF^2 + NG^2 + NH^2 + NK^2) + 8NE^2$ . Therefore  $2(EF^2 + EG^2 + EH^2 + EK^2) = 2(XP^2 + XQ^2 + XR^2 + XS^2) + 8(NY^2 + NE^2)$ ; or,  $2(EF^2 + EG^2 + EH^2 + EK^2) = 2(XP^2 + XQ^2 + XR^2 + XS^2) + 4(EY^2 + EZ^2)$ , (Prop. 1.)

It remains to demonstrate that  $X$  is a given point, and that  $XY, XZ$ , are lines given in position.

The point  $O$  may be found, by bisecting (fig. 136, pl. 9.)  $GH$  in  $g$ , joining  $gk$ , and dividing it in  $m$ , so that  $gm = \frac{1}{3}gk$ , and joining  $fm$ , and dividing it in  $O$ , so that  $mO = \frac{1}{3}mf$ ; and in the same manner the point  $N$  may be found by joining  $gK$  and making  $gn = \frac{1}{3}gK$ , and joining  $nF$ , and making  $uN = \frac{1}{3}nF$ ; let  $mn$  be joined, through  $O$  draw  $Op$ , and through  $N$  draw  $Nq$ , both parallel to  $EF$ , and meeting  $mn$  in  $p, q$ ; let  $EF$  meet  $mn$  in  $r$ , join  $ON$ , and through  $O$  draw  $Os$  parallel to  $mn$ , meeting  $Nq$  in  $s$ .

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Then because  $gm = gk$ , and  $gn = gK$ , the line  $mn$  is parallel and equal to  $\frac{1}{2}Kk$ . Because also  $Nn = \frac{1}{2}Fn$ ,  $Nq = \frac{1}{2}Fr$ ; and for the same reason  $OP = \frac{1}{2}fr$ . Therefore  $pq = Os = \frac{1}{2}mn = \frac{1}{4}Kk$ . But the angle  $OsN$  is given, for it is equal to  $kEF$ ; and since  $Os$  is given, and  $Ns = Nq - sq$ ,  $NO$  is also given. But (fig. 135, pl. 9.) since the lines  $CL$ ,  $CM$ , intersecting in the point  $C$ , are given by position, and from the point  $E$  there are drawn to them the perpendiculars  $EL$ ,  $EM$ , and  $LM$  is joined, and bisected in  $O$ , and from  $O$  there is drawn a straight line  $ON$ , given both by position and magnitude, and  $YNZ$  is drawn through  $N$  to meet  $EL$ ,  $EM$  in  $Y$ ,  $Z$ , and so as to be bisected in  $N$ , and from  $Y$  and  $Z$ ,  $YX$ ,  $ZX$  are drawn parallel to  $CL$ ,  $CM$ ; therefore, by Lemma 4.  $YX$ ,  $ZX$  are given by position; and consequently the point  $X$  of their intersection is given, and therefore also  $XP$ ,  $XQ$ ,  $XR$ ,  $XS$ . But  $EY$ ,  $EZ$  are perpendicular to  $XY$ ,  $ZX$ ; and it has been proved that  $2(EF^2 + EG^2 + EH^2 + EK^2) = 4(EY^2 + EZ^2) + 2(XP^2 + XQ^2 + XR^2 + XS^2)$ , and these four last squares are given. Therefore  $XY$ ,  $XZ$ , are the two lines required to be found, and  $2(EF^2 + EG^2 + EH^2 + EK^2) = 4(EY^2 + EZ^2) + A^2$ .

The point  $X$ , found in this proposition, is the centre of gravity of the four points  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$ ,  $S$ , where perpendiculars, drawn from it, meet the four lines given by position. It is also a point, such, that the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn from it, to the lines given by position, is a minimum.

*Cor. Demonstrated by Dr. Smalt.*

If the straight lines (fig. 163, pl. 11.)  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CA$  be so situated as to form an equilateral triangle about a circle, or a semicircle; or if the number of lines given by position be even, and every

two intersect each other at right angles, the two lines XY, XZ, that may be found, will intersect each other at right angles.

Let the lines AB, BC, CA, that are given by position, form an equilateral triangle. Let X be the point in that triangle, which is the centre of gravity of the three points K, L, M, where perpendiculars drawn from it meet the lines given by position, and from X let parallels be drawn to these lines, meeting the perpendiculars from any point E in f, g, h.

Since these parallels Xf, Xg, Xh, intersect one another in the point X, so as to make all the angles round it equal, they will divide the circumference of the circle which passes through X and E, into three equal arches fg, gh, hf, (Lemma 2.) Therefore N, the centre of the circle, is the centre of gravity of the three points f, g, h, and the line YZ, passing through N, and meeting the circumference, will be a diameter of the circle, and therefore YNX is a right angle.

*The same demonstrated by Mr. Swale, Fig. 162, Pl. 11.*

Let there be any number AB, CD, EF, GH, IK, LM, NO, &c. of right lines given by position, that are neither all parallel, nor intersecting each other in one point; two right lines WX, YZ may be found, that will be given by position, such, that if from any point P there be drawn perpendiculars PA, PC, PE, PG, PI, PL, PN, &c. to all the right lines AB, CD, EF, GH, IK, LM, NO, &c. given by position, and likewise PX, PZ, perpendiculars, to WX, YZ, the two right lines found, twice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars PA, PC, PE, PG, PI, PL, PN, &c. drawn to the right lines AB, CD, EF, GH, IK, LM, NO, &c. given by position, will be equal to the multiple of the sum  
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of the squares of the perpendiculars  $PX$ ,  $PZ$ , drawn to  $WX$ ,  $YZ$ , the two right lines found by the number of the right lines  $AB$ ,  $CD$ ,  $EF$ ,  $GH$ ,  $IK$ ,  $LM$ ,  $NO$ , &c. given by position, together with a given space.

Suppose *seven* lines given by position : from any point  $P$  demit the perpendiculars  $PA$ ,  $PC$ ,  $PE$ ,  $PG$ ,  $PI$ ,  $PL$ ,  $PN$  ; join  $AC$ ,  $EC$ ,  $GC$ ,  $IC$ ,  $LC$ ,  $NC$  ; take  $AQ$ ,  $ER$ ,  $GS$ ,  $IT$ ,  $LU$ ,  $NV$ , equal to one-seventh of  $AC$ ,  $EC$ ,  $GC$ ,  $IC$ ,  $LC$ ,  $NC$ , respectively ; join  $PQ$ ,  $PR$ ,  $PS$ ,  $PT$ ,  $PU$ ,  $PV$  ; make  $Qn$ ,  $Sa$ , perpendicular to  $PQ$ ,  $PS$ , and equal to  $PR$ ,  $PT$ , respectively ; join  $Pn$ ,  $Pa$ , perpendicular to which, and equal to  $PV$ ,  $PU$ , respectively, take  $nc$ ,  $ad$  ; join  $Pc$ ,  $Pd$  ; make  $cW$ ,  $dY$  perpendicular to  $Pc$ ,  $Pd$ , to meet  $Pn$ ,  $Pa$ , produced in  $W$ ,  $Y$  ; take  $Pm$  = one-third of  $Pn$ ,  $Pu$  = one-third of  $Pa$ , at the points  $m$ ,  $u$ , erect perpendiculars to meet semicircles described upon  $PW$ ,  $PY$ , in  $X$ ,  $Z$  : then the lines  $WX$ ,  $YZ$ , joining the given points  $W$ ,  $X$  ;  $Y$ ,  $Z$  ; will be those required.

For  $PX$ ,  $PZ$ , being joined, will be perpendicular to  $WX$ ,  $YZ$ .

Then, six times the square of  $PA$ , together with the square of  $PC$ , is equal to seven times the square of  $PQ$ , together with the rectangle  $ACQ$  ; six times the square of  $PE$ , together with the square of  $PC$ , is equal to seven times the square of  $PR$ , together with the rectangle  $ECR$  ; six times the square of  $PG$ , together with the square of  $PC$ , is equal to seven times the square of  $PS$ , together with the rectangle  $GCS$  ; six times the square of  $PI$ , together with the square of  $PC$ , is equal to seven times the square of  $PT$ , together with the rectangle  $ICT$  ; six times the square of  $PL$ , together with the square of  $PC$ , is equal to seven times the square of  $PU$ , together with the rectangle  $LCU$  ; and six times the square of  $PN$ , together with the square of  $PC$ ,

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is equal to seven times the square of PV, together with the rectangle NCV.

Therefore, six times the sum of the squares of PA, PC, PE, PG, PI, PL, PN, is equal to seven times the sum of the squares of PQ, PR, PS, PT, PU, PV, together with the sum of the rectangles ACQ, ECR, GCS, ICT, LCU, NCV. But, seven times the sum of the squares of PQ, PR, PV, is equal to seven times the square of Pc, that is, equal to twenty-one times the square of PX; seven times the sum of the squares of PS, PT, PU, is equal to seven times the square of Pd, that is, equal to twenty-one times the square of PZ, and the sum of the rectangles ACQ, ECR, GCS, ICT, LCU, NCV, is equal to forty-two times the sum of the squares of AQ, ER, GS, IT, LU, NV. Therefore, six times the sum of the squares of PA, PC, PE, PG, PI, PL, PN, is equal to twenty-one times the sum of the squares of PX, PZ, together with forty-two times the sum of the squares of AQ, ER, GS, IT, LU, NV; and therefore, twice the sum of the squares of PA, PC, PE, PG, PI, PL, PN, is equal to seven times the sum of the squares of PX, PZ, together with fourteen times the sum of the squares of AQ, ER, GS, IT, LU, NV, that is, equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of PX, PZ, by the number of the lines given by position, together with a given space.

*Note,* The foregoing method may be extended to any number of lines with the greatest facility: for, if *nine* lines had been taken in the assumption, then AQ should have been taken equal to one-ninth of AC, ER equal to one-ninth of EC, &c. also Pm equal to one-fourth of Pn, and Pu equal to one-fourth of Pa, and so on: the other parts of the construction being precisely the same.

PROP. XVII. THEO. XIV. *Fig. 164, 165, 166,*  
*Plate. 11.*

*Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry.*

*Case 1.* When the lines given by position are parallel to each other, *fig. 164.*

Let there be any number greater than three of right lines AL, BM, CN, DO, &c. given by position, and parallel to each other; three right lines XQ, YR, ZS, may be found, that will be given by position, such, that if from any point P there be drawn perpendiculars PA, PB, PC, PD, &c. to all the right lines given by position, and likewise the perpendiculars PX, PY, PZ, to the three lines found, thrice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars PA, PB, PC, PD, &c. drawn to the right lines given by position, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars PX, PY, PZ, drawn to the three lines found by the number of the lines given by position.

From P draw PABCD, &c. perpendicular to the right lines given by position, and by Prop. IX. find a point W for the points A, B, C, D, &c. In the right line PD take any point X, and divide XW in a, so that twice the multiple of the rectangle XaW by the number of the lines given by position, may be equal to the difference between twice the multiple of the square of XW by the number of the lines given by position, and thrice the sum of the squares of AW, BW, CW, DW, &c. Make WY equal to WA, and WZ equal to a X, and through the three points X, Y, Z, draw three right lines XQ, YR, ZS, parallel to the right lines given by position, and they will be three such lines as are required.

Because twice the multiple of the rectangle XaW, that is, the rectangle ZWY, by the number  
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of the lines given by position, is equal to the difference between twice the multiple of the square of  $XW$  by the same number, and thrice the sum of the squares of  $AW, BW, CW, DW, \&c.$  and since  $XW$  is equal to the sum of  $WY, WZ$ , the square of  $XW$  is equal to the sum of the squares of  $WY, WZ$ , together with twice the rectangle  $YWZ$ , and therefore the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $XW, YW, ZW$ , by the number of the lines given by position, is equal to thrice the sum of the squares of  $AW, BW, CW, DW, \&c.$  But (Prop. IX.) thrice the sum of the squares of  $AP, BP, CP, DP, \&c.$  is equal to thrice the sum of the squares of  $AW, BW, CW, DW, \&c.$  together with thrice the multiple of the square of  $PW$ , by the number of the lines given by position; therefore, thrice the sum of the squares of  $AP, BP, CP, DP, \&c.$  is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $XW, YW, ZW$ , by the number of the lines given by position, together with thrice the multiple of the square of  $PW$  by the same number.

Again, because  $XW$  is equal to the sum of  $WY, WZ$ , it follows, from Prop. IX. that the sum of the squares of  $PX, PY, PZ$ , is equal to the sum of the squares of  $XW, YW, ZW$ , together with the multiple of the square of  $PW$ , by the number of the lines given by position; therefore thrice the sum of the squares of  $AP, BP, CP, DP, \&c.$  is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $PX, PY, PZ$ , by the number of the lines given by position.

*Case 2.* When the lines given by position intersect each other in a point, fig. 165.

Let there be any number greater than three of right lines  $AB, AC, AD, AE, \&c.$  given by position, and intersecting each other in the point  $A$ ; three right lines  $AX, AY, AZ$ , may be found, that will be given by position, such, that if from

any point  $P$  there be drawn perpendiculars  $PB$ ,  $PC$ ,  $PD$ ,  $PE$ , &c. to all the right lines given by position, and likewise the perpendiculars  $PX$ ,  $PY$ ,  $PZ$ , to the three lines found, thrice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars  $PB$ ,  $PC$ ,  $PD$ ,  $PE$ , &c. drawn to the right lines given by position, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars  $PX$ ,  $PY$ ,  $PZ$ , drawn to the three lines found by the number of the lines given by position.

Draw  $AP$ , and upon it, as a diameter, let a circle be described, intersecting the lines given by position in  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$ , &c. By Prop. IX. find a point  $R$  for the points  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$ , &c. and by Prop. XV. find two right lines  $AI$ ,  $AK$ , for the right lines  $AB$ ,  $AC$ ,  $AD$ ,  $AE$ , &c. given by position, and the point  $P$ . From any point  $Z$ , in the circumference of the circle, draw  $ZR$ , and continue it, so that  $RZ$  may be double of  $RS$ . Let  $O$  be the centre of the circle, and join  $OS$ , and let  $XS$  be drawn perpendicular to  $SO$ ; join  $AX$ ,  $AY$ ,  $AZ$ , and they will be three such lines as are required.

$PB$ ,  $PC$ ,  $PD$ ,  $PE$ , &c.  $PI$ ,  $PK$ ,  $PX$ ,  $PY$ , and  $PZ$ , being joined, will be perpendicular to  $AB$ ,  $AC$ ,  $AD$ ,  $AE$ , &c.  $AI$ ,  $AK$ ,  $AX$ ,  $AY$ , and  $AZ$ ; let  $PS$ ,  $PR$ , and  $OZ$  be joined.

Then, Prop. XV. twice the sum of the squares of  $PB$ ,  $PC$ ,  $PD$ ,  $PE$ , &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $PI$ ,  $PK$ , by the number of the lines given by position, therefore thrice the sum of the squares of  $PB$ ,  $PC$ ,  $PD$ ,  $PE$ , &c. is equal to thrice the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $PI$ ,  $PK$ , by half the number of the lines given by position. Again, since  $XY$  is perpendicular to  $SO$ ,  $XY$  will be bisected in  $S$ , therefore the sum of the squares of  $PX$ ,  $PY$ , is equal to twice the sum of the squares of  $SY$ ,  $SP$ ;  
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and, Prop. H. the square of PZ, together with twice the square of SP, is equal to six times the square of RS, together with thrice the square of RP; therefore the sum of the squares of PX, PY, PZ, is equal to twice the square of SY, together with six times the square of RS, together with thrice the square of RP. But the square of SY is equal to the difference of the squares of OP, OS, and (Prop. II.) the square of OP, together with twice the square of OS, is equal to six times the square of RS, together with thrice the square of OR, and the square of RI is equal to the difference of the squares of OP, OR; therefore, six times the square of RS, together with twice the square of SY, is equal to thrice the square of RI, and therefore, the sum of the squares of PX, PY, PZ, is equal to thrice the sum of the squares of PR, IR. But twice the sum of the squares of PR, IR, is equal to the sum of the squares of PI, PK, therefore the multiple of the sum of the squares of PX, PY, PZ, by the number of the lines given by position, is equal to thrice the multiple of the sum of the squares of PI, PK, by half the number of the lines given by position. But it has been shewn, that thrice the sum of the squares of PB, PC, PD, PE, &c. is equal to thrice the multiple of the sum of the squares of PI, PK, by half the number of the lines given by position, therefore thrice the sum of the squares of PB, PC, PD, PE, &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of PX, PY, PZ, by the number of the lines given by position.

*Case 3.* When the lines given by position are neither all parallel, nor intersecting each other in one point, fig. 166.

Let there be any number greater than three of right lines AB, BC, CD, AD, &c. given by position, that are neither all parallel, nor intersecting each other



other in one point, three right lines  $Ym, Zn, Kr$ , may be found, that will be given by position, such, that if from any point  $X$  there be drawn perpendiculars  $XE, XF, XG, XH, \&c.$  to all the right lines given by position, and likewise perpendiculars  $Xm, Xn, Xr$ , to the three lines found, thrice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars  $XE, XF, XG, XH, \&c.$  drawn to the right lines given by position, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars  $Xm, Xn, Xr$ , drawn to the three lines found by the number of the lines given by position.

By Prop. XVI. find two right lines  $PV, PW$ , for the point  $X$ , and the right lines  $AB, BC, CD, DA, \&c.$  given by position. From  $P$  draw  $PM, PO, PR, PQ, \&c.$  perpendicular, and  $PL, PN, PS, PU, \&c.$  parallel to  $AB, BC, CD, DA, \&c.$  and let  $PL, PN, PS, PU, \&c.$  meet the perpendiculars  $XE, XF, XG, XH, \&c.$  drawn from the point  $X$  to the right lines  $AB, BC, CD, DA, \&c.$  in  $L, N, S, U, \&c.$  Find, by the preceding case, three right lines  $Pa, Pb, Pc$ , for the right lines  $PL, PN, PS, PU, \&c.$  given by position, and the point  $X$ , and from any point, as  $c$ , in  $Pc$ , draw  $cq$  parallel to  $Pa$ , and let it meet  $Pb$  in  $q$ .

Then, by Prop. XVI. find the intersection  $w$  of two right lines, for the right lines  $Pq, Pc$ , and  $cq$ , and the point  $X$ . From  $w$  draw  $wf, wg, wh$ , perpendicular to  $cq, Pc, Pq$ . Let a square be found which shall have to the sum of the squares of  $PM, PO, PR, PQ, \&c.$  the same ratio that three has to the number of the right lines given by position. Divide this square into three others, whose sides shall have the same ratio to each other as the three lines  $wf, wg, wh$ . Draw  $PK, PY, PZ$ , parallel to  $wf, wg, wh$ , and thereon take  $PK, PY, PZ$ , equal to the sides of the three squares just found, that is, on lines which are parallel to those to which the  
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sides of the squares are respectively proportional. Then draw  $Ym$ ,  $Zn$ ,  $Kr$ , perpendicular to  $PY$ ,  $PZ$ ,  $PK$ , and they will be three such lines as are required.

Draw  $Xm$ ,  $Xn$ ,  $Xr$ ,  $Xa$ ,  $Xb$ ,  $Xc$ ,  $XV$ ,  $XW$  respectively parallel to  $Ym$ ,  $Zn$ ,  $Kr$ ,  $Pa$ ,  $Pb$ ,  $Pc$ ,  $PV$ ,  $PW$ . Then (Prop. XVI.) twice the sum of the squares of  $XE$ ,  $XF$ ,  $XG$ ,  $XH$ , &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $XV$ ,  $XW$ , by the number of the lines given by position, together with twice the sum of the squares of  $PO$ ,  $PM$ ,  $PR$ ,  $PQ$ , &c. and (because of the parallels) twice the sum of the squares of  $XL$ ,  $XN$ ,  $XS$ ,  $XU$ , &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $XV$ ,  $XW$ , by the number of the lines given by position, therefore twice the sum of the squares of  $XE$ ,  $XF$ ,  $XG$ ,  $XH$ , &c. is equal to twice the sum of the squares of  $PM$ ,  $PO$ ,  $PR$ ,  $PQ$ , &c. together with twice the sum of the squares of  $XL$ ,  $XN$ ,  $XS$ ,  $XU$ , &c. therefore thrice the sum of the squares of  $XE$ ,  $XF$ ,  $XG$ ,  $XH$ , &c. is equal to thrice the sum of the squares of  $PM$ ,  $PO$ ,  $PR$ ,  $PQ$ , &c. together with thrice the sum of the squares of  $XL$ ,  $XN$ ,  $XS$ ,  $XU$ , &c. In the same way it is shewn, that the sum of the squares of  $Xm$ ,  $Xn$ ,  $Xr$ , is equal to the sum of the squares of  $Xa$ ,  $Xb$ ,  $Xc$ , together with the sum of the squares of  $PY$ ,  $PZ$ ,  $PK$ , therefore the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $Xm$ ,  $Xn$ ,  $Xr$ , by the number of the lines given by position, is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $Xa$ ,  $Xb$ ,  $Xc$ , by the same number, together with the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $PY$ ,  $PZ$ ,  $PK$ , by the same number.

Again, by the preceding case, thrice the sum of the squares of  $XL$ ,  $XN$ ,  $XS$ ,  $XU$ , &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $Xa$ ,  $Xb$ ,  $Xc$ , by the number of the lines given by position, and by construction, thrice the sum of the  
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squares of PM, PO, PR, PQ, &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of PY, PZ, PK, by the number of the lines given by position; therefore, thrice the sum of the squares of PM, PO, PR, PQ, &c. together with thrice the sum of the squares of XL, XN, XS, XU, &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of XA, Xb, Xc, by the number of the lines given by position, together with the multiple of the sum of the squares of PY, PZ, PK, by the same number; therefore thrice the sum of the squares of XE, XF, XG, XH, &c. is equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of Xm, Xn, Xr, by the number of the lines given by position.

*The same demonstrated by Mr. Swale, Fig. 172, Pl. 12.*

Let there be any number greater than three of right lines Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, &c. given by position; three right lines OQ, RS, TV, may be found, that will be given by position, such, that if from any point P there be drawn perpendiculars PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, &c. to all the right lines Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, &c. given by position, and likewise PQ, PS, PV, perpendiculars to OQ, RS, TV, the three right lines found, three times the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, &c. drawn to the right lines Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, &c. given by position, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars PS, PQ, PV, drawn to OQ, RS, TV, the three right lines found by the number of the right lines Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, &c. given by position.

Let there be *four* lines given by position.

From any point P draw the perpendiculars PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG; join AB, CB, DB, LB, FB, GB; take AH, CI, DK, EL, FM, GN,

GN, equal to one-seventh of AB, CB, DB, EB, FB, GB respectively; join PH, PI, PK, PL, PM, PN; join NH, IK, LM, which bisect in h, i, l respectively, and join Ph, Pi, Pl: perpendicular to Ph, Pi, Pl, and equal to hH (hN), iK, (iI), lM (lL) respectively, take hm, ip, lv; join Pm, Pp, Pv: perpendicular to GB, DB, FB, and equal AH, CI, EL respectively, take Ns, Kw, Mx, and join Gs, Dw, Fx; then perpendicular to Pm, Pp, Pv, take mn, pq, vt, equal to Gs, Dw, Fx; join Pn, Pq, Pt, and demit, on Pm, Pp, Pv, the  $\perp$ 's no, qr, tu; make mO, pR, vT equal thrice mo, pr, vu respectively; produce the perpendiculars mn, pq, vt, to meet semicircles described upon PO, PR, PT, in Q, S, V; then through the given points O, Q; R, S; T, V; drawing OQ, RS, TV, they will be the three lines that were to be found.

For PQ, PS, PV, being joined, will be perpendicular to QO, SR, VT.

Since six times the square of PA, together with the square of PB, is equal to seven times the square of PH, together with the rectangle ABH; six times the square of CP, together with the square of PB, is equal to seven times the square of PI, together with the rectangle CBI; six times the square of PD, together with the square of PB, is equal to seven times the square of PK, together with the rectangle DBK; six times the square of PE, together with the square of PB, is equal to seven times the square of PL, together with the rectangle EBL; six times the square of PF, together with the square of PB, is equal to seven times the square of PM, together with the rectangle FBM; and six times the square of PG, together with the square of PB, is equal to seven times the square of PN, together with the rectangle GBN: six times the sum of the squares of PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, will be equal to seven times the sum of the squares of PH, PI,

PI, PK, PL, PM, PN, together with the sum of the rectangles ABH, CBI, DBK, EBL, FBM, GBN. But seven times the sum of the squares of PH, PN, is equal to fourteen times the sum of the squares of Ph, hH, that is, equal to fourteen times the square of Pm; seven times the sum of the squares of PI, PK, is equal to fourteen times the sum of the squares of Pi, iK, that is, equal to fourteen times the square of Pp; and seven times the sum of the squares of PL, PM, is equal to fourteen times the sum of the squares of Pl, lM, that is, equal to fourteen times the square of Pv, and the sum of the rectangles GBN, ABH, is equal to forty-two times the sum of the squares of GN, AH, that is, equal to forty-two times the square of GS (mn), that is, equal to fourteen times the square of mQ; the sum of the rectangles CBI, DBK, is equal to forty-two times the square of Dw (pq), that is, equal to fourteen times the square of pS; and the sum of the rectangles EBM, FBL, is equal to forty-two times the square of Fx (vt), that is, equal to fourteen times the square of vV: therefore six times the sum of the squares of PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, FG, is equal to fourteen times the sum of the squares of Pm, mQ, Pp, pS, Pv, vV, that is, equal to fourteen times the sum of the squares of PQ, PS, PV; and therefore three times the sum of the squares of PA, PB, PC, PD, PE, PF, PG, is equal to seven times the sum of the squares of PQ, PS, PV, that is, equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars PQ, PS, PV, by the number of the lines given by position.

*Note,* The above method may be easily extended to any number of lines, by pursuing the directions in my Demon. to Prop. XVI.

*The same demonstrated by Dr. Small, Fig. 170, 171, 173, Pl. 12, and Fig. 180, Pl. 13.*

Let any number,  $m$ , greater than three of straight lines be given by position, three straight lines may be found, which will be given by position, such, that if from any point there be drawn perpendiculars to the lines given by position, and to the three lines found, thrice the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars to the lines given by position will be equal to the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the three lines found, multiplied by the number  $m$ .

Let  $m$  be  $=4$ .

*Case 1.* When the lines (fig. 173.)  $AF, BG, CH, DK$ , given by position, are all parallel. Let a perpendicular from any point  $E$  meet the parallels in the points  $A, B, C, D$ , and let  $L$  be the centre of gravity of these points. Assume in  $AL$  any point  $X$ , and let  $Y$  and  $Z$ , on the opposite side of  $L$ , be such, that  $LY + LZ = LX$ , and also  $LX^2 + LY^2 + LZ^2 = \frac{1}{3}(LA^2 + LB^2 + LC^2 + LD^2)$ ; then if the assumed point  $X$  be given, the points  $Y$  and  $Z$  will also be given. Draw through the points  $X, Y, Z$ , straight lines parallel to  $AF$ , and they will be the lines required.

It is plain that  $L$  is the centre of gravity of the points  $X, Y, Z$ ; and because it is also the centre of gravity of the points  $A, B, C, D$ ,  $3(EA^2 + EB^2 + EC^2 + ED^2) = 3(LA^2 + LB^2 + LC^2 + LD^2) + 3 \cdot 4 \cdot EL^2$ , (Theor. 6.); and for the same reason  $4(EX^2 + EY^2 + EZ^2) = 4(LX^2 + LY^2 + LZ^2) + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot EL^2$ . But by construction

$$3(LA^2 + LB^2 + LC^2 + LD^2) = 4(LX^2 + LY^2 + LZ^2). \quad \text{Therefore}$$

$$3(EA^2 + EB^2 + EC^2 + ED^2) = 4(EX^2 + EY^2 + EZ^2).$$

*Case 2.* When the lines (fig. 180.)  $AB, AC, AD, AE$ , given by position, intersect one another in the same point  $A$ .

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Let G be the centre of gravity of the four points B, C, D, E, in the circumference of the circle of which AF is the diameter, (Theor. 6.), and let AH, AK, be two lines, whose position is given, such, that  $2(FB^2 + FC^2 + FD^2 + FE^2) = 4(FH^2 + FK^2)$ , (Theor. 12.) From any point X in the circumference draw, through G, the line XGL, so that  $XG = 2GL$ ; and through L draw YLZ, to meet the circumference in Y, Z, and so as to be bisected in L. Join AX, AY, AZ, and FX, FY, FZ.

$3(FB^2 + FC^2 + FD^2 + FE^2) = 6(FH^2 + FK^2)$ , (Theor. 12.), and  $4(FX^2 + FY^2 + FZ^2) = 6(FH^2 + FK^2) = 3(FB^2 + FC^2 + FD^2 + FE^2)$ . Therefore AX, AY, AZ, are the three lines required to be found.

*Case 3.* When the lines (fig. 170.) AB, BC, CD, DA, are not parallel, and do not intersect one another in the same point.

Let X be a point so related to the lines AB, BC, CD, DA, that it shall be the centre of gravity of the four points L, M, N, O, where they are intersected by the perpendiculars XL, XM, XN, XO, drawn to them from X, (Theor. 13.); and let XP, XQ, XR, XS, be drawn from X parallel to AB, BC, CD, DA, and let them meet the perpendiculars to these lines, from E, in P, Q, R, S. Let  $Xa, Xb, Xc$ , be three straight lines, such, that  $3(EP^2 + EQ^2 + ER^2 + ES^2) = 4(Ea^2 + Eb^2 + Ec^2)$ , (case 2. of this). Describe a triangle def, (fig. 171.) having the angle  $def = aXb$ , and the angle  $dfe = bXc$ . Let g be a point in that triangle, such, as to be the centre of gravity of the three points h, k, l, where perpendiculars drawn from it meet the sides, (Theor. 13.).

Describe a square  $= \frac{1}{4}(XL^2 + XM^2 + XN^2 + XO^2)$ , and divide it into three squares whose sides  $Xm, Xn, Xo$ , shall have the mutual ratios of  $gh, gk, gl$ . Through X draw  $Xm, Xn, Xo$ , perpendicular

Xa, Xb, Xc, and through m, n, o, draw  
qp, perpendicular to Xm, Xn, Xo, and  
Ea, Eb, Ec, in x, y, z. We have, by

$$13. \quad EG^2 + EH^2 + EK^2 = 3(EP^2 + EQ^2 + ER^2 + ES^2) + 3 \\ XM^2 + XN^2 + XO^2, \text{ and also}$$

$$y^2 + Ez^2 = 4(Ea^2 + Eb^2 + Ec^2) + 4(Xm^2 + Xn^2 + Xo^2).$$

construction

$$EQ^2 + ER^2 + ES^2 = 4(Ea^2 + Eb^2 + Ec^2), \text{ and by Case 2.}$$

$$3(XL^2 + XM^2 + XN^2 + XO^2) = 4(Xm^2 + Xn^2 + Xo^2).$$

$$\text{ore } -EG^2 + EH^2 + EK^2 = 4(Ex^2 + Ey^2 + Ez^2).$$

ore mp, nq, qp, are the lines required to be

three lines found in this Theorem are de-  
d, in their position, only relatively to one  
, and not absolutely; because, in the con-  
n of each of the cases, an arbitrary sup-  
is unavoidably introduced, and of conse-  
there are innumerable sets of lines, within  
limits however, that all equally answer the  
ons required in the Proposition. When one  
is assumed as given in position, the other  
necessarily determined.

#### P. XVIII. THEO. XV. Fig. 99, Pl. 7.

*Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry.*

there be any number of right lines AL, BM,  
c. given by position, and parallel to each  
and let *a, b, c, &c.* be given magnitudes, as  
n number as there are right lines given by  
n; a right line XY may be found parallel to  
ht lines given by position, such, that if from  
oint P there be drawn perpendiculars PA,  
C, &c. to the right lines given by position,  
sewile a perpendicular PX to the right line  
K k found,

found, the square of PA, together with the space to which the square of PB has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of PC has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the space to which the square of PX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, \&c.$  together with a given space.

From P draw PAB, &c. perpendicular to AL, BM, CN, &c. Find the point X by Prop. X. for the given points A, B, C, &c. and the given magnitudes  $a, b, c, \&c.$  Through X let XY be drawn parallel to the right lines given by position, and it will be the line required.

For, (Prop. X.) the square of PA, together with the space to which the square of PB has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of PC has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, is equal to the square of AX, together with the space to which the square of BX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of CX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, together with the space to which the square of PX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, \&c.$  But the square of AX, together with the space to which the square of BX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of CX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, is equal to a given space; therefore the square of PA, together with the space to which the square of PB has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of PC has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, is equal to the space to which the square of PX has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, \&c.$  together with a given space.

*The same demonstrated by Mr. Swale, Fig. 167, Pl. 11.*

Let there be any number of right lines AG, HL, BC, &c. given by position, and parallel to each other; and let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. be given magnitudes, as many in number as there are right lines given by position; a right line DF may be found parallel to the right lines given by position, such, that if from any point P there be drawn a common perpendicular AB to the right lines given by position, and to the right line found; the square of PA, together with the space to which the square of PB has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of PH has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the space to which the square of PD has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. together with a given space.

Let there be two right lines AG, BC, given by position, and parallel to each other. Join A, B, by the perpendicular AB; make BD to DA in the ratio of  $a$  to  $b$ ; draw DF parallel to BC, and it will be the line required. Make BC equal to BA; join AC, and let it meet DF in F; from any point P in AB draw PE parallel to BC; join BF, DE, DI (I being the point of intersection of PE, BF).

Because AB is equal to BC, AP will be equal to PE, and AD equal to DF, and the square of PA will be equal to the square of PE, that is, equal to twice the triangle of APE. Again, the square of BP is to the rectangle BPI as BP to PI, that is, as BD to DF, that is, as  $a$  to  $b$ ; therefore the rectangle BPI, that is, twice the triangle BPI is the space to which the square of BP has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , and therefore, the square of PA, together with the space to which the square of BP has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , is equal to twice the



triangle APE, together with twice the triangle BPI, that is, equal to twice the triangle AFB, together with twice the triangle IFE. Moreover, DP is to DB as FE to FC, that is, as FI to FB, that is, as EI to CB; therefore the square of PD is to the rectangle contained by DP, EI, as DB, to BC, that is, as  $a$  to the sum of  $a, b$ ; but the rectangle contained by DP, EI, is equal to twice the triangle IDE, that is, equal to twice the triangle IFE, therefore twice the triangle IFE is the space to which the square of PD has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum  $a, b$ ; and therefore the square of PA, together with the space to which the square of BP has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , is equal to the space to which the square of PD has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$ , together with twice the triangle AFB, that is, equal to the space to which the square of PD has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$ , together with a given space.

*Dr. Small* says, that this Proposition is related to the 13th, just as the 10th Proposition is to the 9th.

*Cor.* Let there be any number of right lines given by position, and parallel to each other; a right line may be found, that will be given by position, such, that if from any point there be drawn right lines in given angles to the right lines given by position, and likewise there be drawn a perpendicular to the right line found, the sum of the squares of the lines drawn in given angles to the right lines given by position, will be equal to the space to which the square of the perpendicular drawn to the line found has a given ratio, together with a given space.

## ARTICLE XLVIII.

*Important Corrections, by the late ingenious and learned JOHN LANDEN, ESQ. F.R.S. taken from the London Magazine Improved, for the Year 1785.*

## PROBLEM.

**M**R. SIMPSON, p. 38 of his *Dissertations*, proposes to determine the height of the tides at any planet: it is here proposed to examine whether his computation be true or false; and if false, to point out the error.

**SOLUTION.** Fig. 168, Plate 12.

The force of a particle at Q, urging it from AOE, in a direction parallel to a line joining the centres O and C of the two bodies, is  $2fm\dot{x} \div d^3$ , &c. which, in the direction of the tangent QF, is nearly  $\frac{2fm\dot{x}}{d^3} \cdot RD$ , as computed by Mr. Simpson; QR, RD, being perpendicular to OC, OQ; and OC being  $=d$ , OP  $=1$ , OR  $=x$ . But besides that force, there is another, in the direction QR,  $=fm \sqrt{1-x^2} \div d^3$  which that gentleman has not considered; and from this last-mentioned force arises an additional one  $\frac{fm}{d^3} \cdot RD$ , in the direction QF. Therefore, instead of  $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{-2B}{3^{\frac{5}{2}}} \times RD :: f \cdot \frac{2fm}{d^3} \times RD$ , we have  $\frac{1}{3} \cdot (-2B \div 3^{\frac{5}{2}}) \cdot RD :: f \cdot (2fm \div d^3) \cdot RD$ , and consequently  $B = -15m \div 2d^3$ . Hence, our author having shewn that OP<sup>2</sup> will be to OA<sup>2</sup> as 1 to 1+B, we find OP—OA nearly  $\frac{15m}{4d^3} \cdot OP$ : and thus the tides at the body O, by the action

of the body C, appear to be greater in the proportion of 3 to 2 than his computation makes them. The body O is taken as a perfect sphere, except by so much as it differs therefrom through the cause under consideration (which will cause no sensible error in the solution); and the quantity of matter in that body O, to the quantity of matter in the body C, is supposed as 1 to  $m$ . The accelerative force of the body O on a particle at Q, in the direction QO, is denoted by  $f$ .

The force, which Mr. Simpson has omitted, is derived (by resolution) from that of the body C in the direction QC.

### PROBLEM.

Mr. Emerson, at p. 421, of the *second edition of his Fluxions*, has computed the height of the tides. Is his computation right, or wrong? If wrong, please to shew how it may be rectified.

### SOLUTION. Fig. 169, Plate 12.

Mr. Emerson (to whose characters I refer) makes the gravity at P the same as at A; which, though the difference is very small, occasions a very considerable error in the conclusion. His value of the perturbing force of S, on a particle at D, is also erroneous (being  $2fy \div 3$  instead of  $fy$ ); and he has omitted the force of S on a particle at E, in the direction EC.

Let  $a^2$  be to  $b^2$  as 1 to  $1+B$ ; then will  $a-b$  be  $= -a^2B \div (a+b) = -aB \div 2$  nearly; and the gravity at A will be to the gravity at P as  $b$  to  $(1 + 2B \div 5) \cdot a$ . Therefore, instead of his equation  $gy\ddot{y} \div a - fy\ddot{y} = gx\ddot{x} \div b$ , we have the whole fluents of  $gy\ddot{y} \div a - \frac{2}{5}fy\ddot{y} =$  the whole fluents of  $(1 + \frac{2}{5}B) \cdot agx\ddot{x} \div b^2$

$\div b^2 + 4R\pi^2 x \dot{x} \div p^2 \sqrt{R^2 + x^2}$ : whence, by taking the fluents, we have  $ga - fa^2 = (1 + \frac{2}{3}B) \cdot ag$ ; and consequently B being by that equation  $= -5af \div 2g$ ,  $a - b$  (instead of being  $= a^2 f \div g$ ) will be  $= 5a^2 f \div 4g$  \*. Which agrees with Mr. Mac Laurin's computation, and with my correction of Mr. Simpson's given above:  $a$  being  $= AC$ ;  $b = CP$ ;  $R = CS$ ;  $p$   $=$  the periodical time of the earth round the sun in seconds;  $g = 32.2$  feet;  $\pi = 3.1416$ ;  $f = 12 \pi^2 \div p^2$ ;  $x = CE$ ;  $y = CD$ ; and the whole fluent of  $4R\pi^2 x \dot{x} \div p^2 \sqrt{R^2 + x^2} = 2\pi^2 b^2 \div p^2 = fb^2 \div 6 = fa^2 \div 6$  nearly.

\* From this equation Mr. R. Simpson derived the Theorem used in his solution to the 43d question of this work.

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## ARTICLE XLIX.

*Landen's Theorems, for the Calculation of Fluents.*

### TABLE IV.

(Continued from page 313.)

#### THEOREM XV.

$$\dot{F} = x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \div (b^3 + y^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}.$$

$$F = K - \frac{3}{2} a^{-\frac{2}{3}} D.$$

$$\text{Here } z = (a^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{2}{3}}) \div x^{\frac{2}{3}} = (b + y) \div y.$$

THEOREM

**THEOREM XVI.**

The *wh. fl.* of  $x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $= 2 \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{3}} a^{-\frac{2}{3}} P \div (3^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1)$ .

**THEOREM XVII.**

$$\dot{F} = x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3} \dot{y} \div (b^3 + y^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

$$F = K + \frac{2}{3} a^{-\frac{1}{3}} D.$$

$$\text{Here } z = (a^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{2}{3}}) \div a^{\frac{2}{3}} = (b + y) \div b.$$

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**THEOREM XIX.**

$$\dot{F} = x^{\frac{1}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2}{3} y \dot{y} \div (b^3 + y^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$F = K + \frac{2}{3} a^{\frac{1}{3}} \times (C - D).$$

$$\text{Here } z = (a^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{2}{3}}) \div a^{\frac{2}{3}} = (b + y) \div b.$$

*Note,* The *whole* fluent is infinite.

**THEOREM**

## THEOREM XX.

$$\dot{F} = x^{\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^2 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} y^{\frac{3}{2}} \dot{y} \div (b^3 + y^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$F = K - \frac{3}{4} a^{\frac{2}{3}} \times (C - D) + \frac{3}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{3}} \sqrt{(a^2 + x^2)}.$$

$$\text{Here } z = (a^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{2}{3}}) \div x^{\frac{2}{3}} = (b + y) \div y.$$

*Note,* The whole fluent is infinite.

## THEOREM XXI.

$$\dot{F} = x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \div (b^3 - y^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$F = -\text{fluent of } w^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{w} \div (4a^2 + w^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ to be found by Theo. 17.}$$

$$\text{Here } w = (a^2 - x^2) \div x = (b^3 - y^3) \div y^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

## THEOREM XXII.

$$\text{The wh. fl. } x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ is } = 2^{\frac{2}{3}} 3^{\frac{1}{3}} a^{-\frac{1}{3}} P \div (3^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1).$$

## THEOREM XXIII.

$$\dot{F} = \dot{x} \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} y^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \div (b^3 - y^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

$$\dot{F} = -\text{fl. } w^{\frac{1}{2}} \dot{w} \div (a^2 - w^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ to be found by Theo. 5.}$$

$$\text{Here } w = \sqrt{(a^2 - x^2)} = \sqrt{(b^3 - y^3)}.$$

THEOREM

## THEOREM XXIV.

The whole fluent of  $x \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  is  $= 3^{\frac{1}{2}} a^{\frac{1}{3}} Q$ .

## THEOREM XXV.

$\dot{F} = x^{\frac{1}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{2} y \dot{y} \div (b^3 - y^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ .

$F = -\frac{3}{4} w^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{2} \text{fl. } w^{\frac{2}{3}} \dot{w} \div (4a^3 + w^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ , to be found by Theo. 20.

Here  $w = (a^2 - x^2) \div x = (b^3 - y^3) \div y^{\frac{3}{2}}$ .

## THEOREM XXVI.

The wh. fl. of  $x^{\frac{1}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  is  $= 3^{\frac{1}{2}} a^{\frac{2}{3}} Q \div 2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

## THEOREM XXVII.

$\dot{F} = x^{\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{2} y^{\frac{3}{2}} \dot{y} \div (b^3 - y^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ .

$\dot{F} = a^{\frac{1}{3}} w^{\frac{5}{3}} \div (a^3 + w^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{2}{3} a^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{fl. } w^{\frac{5}{3}} \dot{w} \div (a^3 + w^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  Th. 20.

Here  $w = ax \div (a^2 - x^2) = b^{\frac{2}{3}} y^{\frac{3}{2}} \div (b^3 - y^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ .

## THEOREM XXVIII.

The wh. fluent of  $x^{\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (a^2 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  is  $= 2^{\frac{1}{2}} a Q \div 3^{\frac{2}{3}}$ .

## THEOREM

## THEOREM XXIX.

$$F = x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (x^3 - a^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{2}{3} y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \dot{y} \div (y^3 - b^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

$$F = \text{fl. } w^{-\frac{1}{3}} \dot{w} \div (4a^2 + w^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ to be found by Theo. 17.}$$

$$\text{Here } w = (x^3 - a^3) \div x = (y^3 - b^3) \div y^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

## THEOREM XXX.

$$\text{The wh. fl. } x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dot{x} \div (x^3 - a^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ is } = 2^{\frac{2}{3}} 3^{\frac{1}{3}} a^{-\frac{1}{3}} P \div (3^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1).$$

(To be continued.)

## ARTICLE L.

*Atwood's Investigations on Watch Balances.*

(Continued from page 317.)

**S**UPPOSE a watch to be adjusted to mean time when the semiarc of the balance's vibration is  $\equiv$  BO, (fig. 81, pl. 5.) and let this semiarc be afterwards diminished to IO; the time shewn by the watch in any given portion of mean time  $t$ , when the semiarc of vibration is IO, will be equal

$t \times$



$t \propto (BO \div IO)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$ ; and if  $t$  is put  $= 24^h$ , the alteration of the daily rate, in consequence of the diminution of the semiarc of vibration from BO to IO, will be  $24^h \times ((BO \div IO)^{\frac{1-n}{2}} - 1)^*$ . To apply this proposition, let a case be assumed; suppose a watch

\* From this general expression it appears, that when  $n = 1$ , that is, when the spring's elastic force varies in the precise ratio of the angular distances of the balance from the quiescent position, the alteration of the daily rate, in consequence of a diminution of the arc of vibration, is  $= 0$ ; because, in that case,  $(BO \div IO)^{\frac{1-n}{2}} = 1$ , and  $(BO \div IO)^{\frac{1-n}{2}} - 1 = 0$ . When  $n$  is less than 1, or when the force varies in a less ratio than that of the distances from quiescence, the rate will be accelerated, because in that case  $(BO \div IO)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$  will be greater than 1; and  $(BO \div IO)^{\frac{1-n}{2}} - 1$ , will be a positive quantity: but when  $n$  is greater than 1, or when the force varies in a ratio greater than that of the distances from quiescence, the rate will be retarded, because in that case  $(BO \div IO)^{\frac{1-n}{2}}$  will be less than 1, and  $(BO \div IO)^{\frac{1-n}{2}} - 1$  becomes negative. The converse of these propositions is likewise derived from the general Theorem.

Whenever, therefore, it is found, by observing the rate of a time-keeper, that a diminution of the arc of the balance's vibration causes an acceleration of the daily rate, it is necessary to conclude, that the elastic force of the spring in this case varies in a ratio less than that of the distances from the quiescent position. In like manner, when a diminution of the arc of vibration causes a retardation of the rate, it is certain that the spring's elastic force varies in a higher ratio than that of the distances from quiescence. It appears, indeed, from some experiments, that the weights which counterpoise a spiral spring's elastic force, when wound to different distances from the quiescent position, are in the ratio of those distances; but it is shewn from this proposition, and the annexed table, that the differences between the weights, by which the ratio of the distances, and a ratio a little less is indicated, although far too small to be discoverable by experiment, are yet sufficient to create a material alteration of the daily rate.

so be regulated to mean time when the semiarc of vibration is  $135^\circ$ , and let this semiarc be diminished  $8^\circ$ , so as to become  $127^\circ$ ; let the ratio of the spring's elastic force deviate from that of the distances from the quiescent position by a small difference of  $\frac{1}{1000}$  part, so that the spring's force shall be in the  $\frac{999}{1000}$  power of the distances, instead of in the entire ratio of the said distances from the quiescent position. The alteration of the daily rate of the watch will be obtained from the preceding theorem, by making the following substitutions.  $BO = 135^\circ$ ,  $IO = 127^\circ$ ,  $n = \frac{999}{1000}$ : the alteration of the daily rate  $= 24^h \times ((135 \div 127)^{\frac{999}{1000}} - 1) = + 2''.62$ .

It here appears, that a very minute alteration in the law of the force's variation, amounting to no more than  $\frac{1}{1000}$  part of the entire ratio of the distances, causes an acceleration in the daily rate of more than  $2\frac{1}{2}''$ , when the diminution of the semiarc of vibration is  $8^\circ$ . It may therefore be of some use to inquire, what are the differences of the weights to be observed in experiments from which the law of the spring's elastic force is derived; first, supposing that law to be the precise ratio of the distances from the quiescent position; and secondly, supposing the law of the force to deviate from that ratio by a small difference of  $\frac{1}{1000}$ , so as to become the  $\frac{999}{1000}$  power of the distances from the quiescent position; from the result a judgment may be formed how far experiments may be relied on for ascertaining the precise law according to which the elastic force of a spring varies.

Values of $x^\circ$ .	Values of $P=9 \text{ gr.} \times x^\circ \div 90^\circ$	Values of $P=9 \text{ gr.} \times (x^\circ \div 90^\circ)^{\frac{999}{1000}}$
Angular distances from the quiescent position when the spring's elastic force is counterpoised by the weights in the second and third columns. (Fig. 80, Pl. 5.)	Weights P, expressed in grains, which counterpoise the spring's elastic force when wound to the several distances from the quiescent position in the first column, if the force varies in the precise ratio of the angular distances from the quiescent point.	Weights P, expressed in grains, which counterpoise the spring's elastic force when wound to the several distances from quiescence in the first column, if the force varies in the $\frac{999}{1000}$ power of the distances from the quiescent point.*
	Grains.	Grains.
$10^\circ$	1	1.002199
$20^\circ$	2	2.003010
$30^\circ$	3	3.003298
$40^\circ$	4	4.003245
$50^\circ$	5	5.002940
$60^\circ$	6	6.002433
$70^\circ$	7	7.001759
$80^\circ$	8	8.000942
$90^\circ$	9	9.000000

\* It may here be observed, that the differences of the weights in the second and third columns of the table, first increase, and afterwards decrease; their difference is the greatest when the quantity  $9 \times (x \div 90)^{\frac{999}{1000}} - 9x \div 90$  is a maximum; or when  $x=90^\circ \times (999 \div 1000)^{\frac{1000}{999}}$ , that is, when  $x=33^\circ 53''$ .

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The differences of weights expressed in the second and third columns of this table, are evidently too small to admit of being observed experimentally, and yet their effect on the daily rate of a time-keeper amounts to a quantity far from insensible. This effect on the rate might probably be augmented to twenty or thirty seconds daily, and yet the corresponding differences of weights arising from the deviation of the spring's force from the law of isochronism might be too minute to become sensible by any statical counterpoise of the spring's forces; and it would be still less possible to measure the said differences of weights with the exactness required for the determination of the law observed by the spring's forces. Experiments of this kind should not therefore be absolutely relied on for ascertaining practically the isochronal property of spiral springs, although this property must be allowed in theory, whenever the forces of elasticity at the several angular distances from the quiescent position are in the precise ratio of those distances. The isochronal law of variation, here mentioned, may be conveniently assumed in theoretical investigations, and proper corrections or equations, when necessary, may be applied to compensate for the deviation from this law, which may subsist in any particular spiral spring, whenever it can be satisfactorily ascertained, or reduced within the known limits, by such mode of inference as the nature of the case may admit of. This assumption will appear the less exceptionable from considering, that the elastic forces of spiral springs which are not isochronal deviate from the law of variation in question, in some cases by exceeding, and in others, by falling short of it; and no other law is suggested either by theory or experiment, which more generally corresponds with the action of balance springs.

*(To be continued.)*

## ARTICLE LI.

*On the Resolution of Indeterminate Problems.*

By John Leslie, A. M.

*(Continued from page 320.)*

*Case 2.* **W**HEN the third term is a square. Suppose  $C=c^2$ , and the expression is  $ax^2+bx+c^2=y^2$ . By transposition,  $ax^2+bx=y^2-c^2$ , and by resolution,  $(ax+b)x=(y+c)(y-c)$ ; whence by assumption,  $x=(y+c)\div m$ , and  $ax+b=my-mc$ . But from the second equation,  $x=(my-mc-b)\div a$ , consequently,  $(my-mc-b)\div a=(y+c)\div m$ ; whence  $y=(m^2c+mb+ac)\div(m^2-a)$ , and  $x=(y+c)\div m=(2mc+b)\div(m^2-a)$ .

Suppose  $3x^2+5x+16=y^2$ , and  $m=2$ ; then  $x=(16+5)\div(4-3)=21$ , and  $y=(16+10+12)\div(4-3)=38$ . But  $3\cdot(21)^2+5\cdot 21+16=1444=(38)^2$ .

*Cor. 1.* Let  $b=0$ ; then the expression becomes  $ax^2+c^2=y^2$ , and  $x=2mc\div(m^2-a)$ , and  $y=(m^2c+ac)\div(m^2-a)$ . Thus  $2x^2+9=y^2$ ; if  $m=2$ ,  $x=4\cdot 3\div(4-2)=6$ , and  $y=(4\cdot 3+7\cdot 3)\div(4-2)=9$ . But  $2\cdot(6)^2+9=81=(9)^2$ .

*Cor. 2.* If  $b=0$ , and  $c=1$ ; then  $ax^2+1=y^2$ , and  $x=2m\div(m^2-a)$ , and  $y=(m^2+1)\div(m^2-a)$ . Put  $a=m^2-d$ , and we shall obtain  $x=2m\div d$ , and  $y=(2m^2-d)\div d$ . Hence it is evident, that  $x$  and  $y$  will be expressed in whole numbers, when  $2m$  is divisible by  $d$ . Call the quotient  $n$ ; then  $x=n$ , and  $y=mn-1$ ; whence  $x\div y=(mn-1)\div n=m$

$m-1 \div n$ , or  $m-d \div 2m$ , which are the two first terms of the *continued fraction* denoting  $\sqrt{(m^2-d)}$ , or  $\sqrt{a}$ . Thus, if  $12x+1=y^2$ ; then  $\sqrt{12} = \sqrt{(16-4)} = 4 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2}} \&c.$

$x=2$ , and  $y=4 \cdot 2 + 1 = 7$ ; for  $12 \cdot 4 + 1 = 49 = (7)^2$ .

It is to be remarked, that, when  $d=1$ , the values of  $x$  and  $y$  may be discovered from any given number of terms of the continued fraction.

Thus, if  $3x^2+1=y^2$ ; then  $\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{(4-1)} = 2 + \frac{1}{4 + \frac{1}{4}} \&c.$

whence  $x=4, 15, 56, 209, \&c.$  and  $y=7, 26, 97, 362, \&c.$

If  $a=m^2+d$ , then  $x=-n$ , and  $y=-mn-1$ ; but the expression  $ax^2+1=y^2$ , will not be altered by changing the signs of  $x$  and  $y$ ; whence  $x=n$ , and  $y=mn+1$ ; consequently  $x$  and  $y$  will be determined from the continued fraction

$m + \frac{1}{n + \frac{1}{n}} \&c.$  denoting  $\sqrt{(m^2+d)}$ . Thus,  $20x^2+1=y^2$ ;

then  $\sqrt{20} = \sqrt{(16+4)} = 4 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2}} \&c.$  and

$x=2$ , and  $y=4 \cdot 2 + 1 = 9$ ; for  $20 \cdot 4 + 1 = 81 = (9)^2$ .

We may observe, that if  $d=1$ , the values of  $x$  and  $y$ , in the expression  $(m^2+1)x^2+1=y^2$ , may be found by taking an even or odd number of terms, according as the sign  $+$  or  $-$  is to be adopted.

*Cor. 3.* Let  $c=0$ , then  $ax^2+bx=y^2$ ; and, in this case,  $x=b \div (m^2-a)$ , and  $y=mb \div (m^2-a)$ . Thus,  $7x^2+4x=y^2$ ; if  $m=3$ , then  $x=4 \div (9-7) = 2$ ,  
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$=2$ , and  $y=3\cdot4\div(9-7)=6$ . For  $7\cdot(2)^2+4\cdot2=36=(6)^2$ .

*Case 3.* When  $BB-4AC$  is a square.

Let  $x^2+(b\div a)x+c\div a=D\times E$ ; then the divisors of  $ax^2+bx+c$  will be  $(a\div n)D$ , and  $n\times E$ . But it appears, from the doctrine of equations, that the excesses of  $x$  above the roots of the quadratic,  $x^2+(b\div a)x+c\div a=0$ , are the divisors of the expression  $x^2+(b\div a)x+c\div a$ . Wherefore,  $D=x+\frac{(b+\sqrt{b^2-4ac})}{2a}$ , and  $E=x+\frac{(b-\sqrt{b^2-4ac})}{2a}$ . Hence, when  $\sqrt{(b^2-4ac)}$  is a whole or fractional number, the expression  $ax^2+bx+c$  admits

of resolution, and the divisors are  $\frac{a}{n}\left(x+\frac{b+\sqrt{(b^2-4ac)}}{2a}\right)$  and  $n\left(x+\frac{(b-\sqrt{(b^2-4ac)})}{2a}\right)$

And when these are found, the solution will be obtained from Prob. VI.

Suppose  $14x^2+19x+6=y^2$ , then  $b^2-4ac=361-336=25$ , and  $D=\frac{14}{n}\left(x+\frac{19+5}{28}\right)$ , and  $E=n\left(x+\frac{19-5}{28}\right)$ . If  $n=2$ , the divisors will be  $\frac{14}{2}\left(x+\frac{6}{7}\right)=7x+6$ , and  $2\left(x+\frac{1}{2}\right)=2x+1$ ; whence from Prob. VI.  $x=2$ , and  $y=10$ . For  $14\cdot4+19\cdot2+6=100=(10)^2$ .

*Case 4.* When the general quadratic can be resolved into factors, if diminished by a given square.

Let  $(ex+f)(gx+h)=y^2-d^2$ , then  $(ex+f)(gx+h)=(y+d)(y-d)$ ; whence  $ex+f=my-md$ , and  $gx+h=(y+d)\div m$ . By reducing the first equation,  $x=(my-md-f)\div e$ , and by reducing the second,

$x = (y + d - mh) \div mg$ ; whence  $(my - md - f) \div e = (y + d - mh) \div mg$ , and consequently,  $y = (m^2dg + mfg + de - meh) \div (m^2g - e)$ . But  $x = (my - md - f) \div e$ , therefore also  $x = (2md - m^2h + f) \div (m^2g - e)$ .

Suppose  $14x^2 + 31x + 24 = y^2$ ; then, taking  $9 = d^2$  from both sides,  $14x^2 + 31x + 15 = y^2 - d^2$ ; but  $\sqrt{(b^2 - 4ac)} = \sqrt{(961 - 840)} = 11$ ; whence, if  $n = 2$ , the divisors Case III. will be  $7x + 5$  and  $2x + 3$ ; wherefore, making  $m = 2$ ,  $x = (12 - 12 + 5) \div (8 - 7) = 5$ , and  $y = (24 + 20 + 21 - 42) \div (8 - 7) = 23$ . For  $14 \cdot 25 + 31 \cdot 5 + 24 = 529 = (23)^2$ .

(To be continued.)

## ARTICLE LII.

### *Useful Propositions in Geometry.*

By Mr. M. A. Harrifon.

(Continued from page 285.)

PROP. V. THEO. Fig. 175, Plate 12.

**T**HINGS remaining as in the last Proposition, I say that, the rect. LNF will be equal to the rect. LDK.

*Dem.* By parallels DC or LN : LE :: DK : KL, that is, LNF : LE · NF or LES :: LDK : DLK; but LES = DLK; therefore LNF = LDK.  
Q. E. D.

*Cor.* If DV be joined, the rect. LNF will be = the square of DV<sup>2</sup>.

PROP.



## PROP. VI. THEO.

The lines being drawn as in the former propositions, I say that, the rectangle LFS will be equal to the square of CP, that is, equal to the square of half the sum of the sides.

For,  $AP : LD :: LB : PC$ ,  
 that is,  $AP^2 : LD^2 :: LB^2 : PC^2$ ;  
 but (Prop. IV.)  $AP^2 = LES$ , and  $LD^2 = FSE$ , and  $LB^2 = FLE$ ;  
 therefore  $LES : FSE :: FLE : PC^2$ ,  
 that is,  $LES : LFS :: LES : PC^2$ ;  
 theref. the rectangle LFS is  $=$  to the square of CP.  
 Q. E. D.

Cor. The rectangle contained by LF, EN is also  $= CP^2$ .

Cor. 2. The rectangle ECQ is equal to the rectangle LFS.

Cor. 3. The rectangle ACB is  $=$  to  $PC^2 - PA^2$ .

Cor. 4. The rect. LEN is  $=$  to the square of EP.

Cor. 5.  $EP^2 - PI^2$  is equal to  $LS \cdot EF$ .

Cor. 6. The rectangle IGE is  $=$  to the rectangle contained by AP, EF.

## PROP. VII. THEO.

If EP be produced as in Prop. III. Cor. 2, I say that, the rectangle contained by  $4EP$ , PI will be  $= AD^2 - DB^2$ .

Demon. It is well known that  $AD^2 - DB^2$  is  $=$  to  $AC^2 - CB^2$ , that is  $=$  to  $(AC + CB) \cdot (AC - CB)$ , that is  $=$  to  $2PC \cdot 2PA$ , that is  $=$  to  $4PC \cdot PA$ , that is  $=$  to  $4EP \cdot PI$ .

Q. E. D.

Cor. 1.

*Cor. 1.* The rectangle EPI is  $\equiv$  to the rectangle DLB.

*Cor. 2.* If IF be joined, GC ( $\equiv$ BC) will be parallel and equal to it.

*Cor. 3.* Also GI will be parallel and equal to CF.

*Cor. 4.* Hence AI being joined,  $AI^2 \equiv GI^2 \equiv EFN$ .

*Cor. 5.* If QP be produced to meet AI in n, then  $An \equiv nI \equiv nP$ .

*Cor. 6.* The angle AnP is equal to the angle ACB.

*Cor. 7.* The  $\angle InP$  is  $\equiv$  to the sum of the angles CAB, CBA.

### PROP. VIII. THEO.

If W be the point of contact of the inscribed circle, then I say that, the rectangle AWB will be  $\equiv$  to the rectangle ELN.

*Demon.* - It is well known that LW is equal to LV, therefore, with the centre L and the radius LW, describe the semicircle WVY, then DV being joined, will touch it at V.

Now  $AWB \equiv ADB + DW^2 + 2DWL \equiv ADB + KDL$ ,

but  $ADB \equiv NLS$ , and  $KDL \equiv LN \cdot SE$ ;

theref.  $AWB \equiv NLS + LN \cdot SE \equiv (LS + SE) \cdot LN \equiv ELN$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*Cor. 1.* The rectangle YDW is  $\equiv$  to the rectangle LDK.

*Cor. 2.* The difference of the rectangles AWB, ADB, is equal to the rectangle LNF, that is, equal to the square of DV.

(To be continued.)

## ARTICLE LIII.

Three Propositions from *Lawson*.*(To be answered in Number VII.)*

## PROP. XXV.

LET AB be the diameter of a circle, and CD perpendicular to the same, meeting the circumference in C and D, and let E be the centre, and from C and D let CF, DF, be inflected to any point F in the circumference, meeting the diameter AB in G and H; I say the rectangle GEH is equal to the square of the radius AE.

## PROP. XXVI.

In AB, the diameter of a circle, let two points C and D be taken, such that  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ , and let D be without the circle, and DE perpendicular to DB; through the point C let any line be drawn meeting the circumference in F and G, and from the points F and G, let FH and GH be inflected to any point H in the circumference, meeting DE in K and L; I say the rectangle KDL is equal to the rectangle ADB.

## PROP. XXVII.

In AB, the diameter of a circle, let be taken the point C, and DE be perpendicular to AB, meeting the circumference in D and N; in CD let be taken

taken two points E and F on the same side of C with D, such, that the rectangle ECF may be equal to the square of CD; and from the points E and F let EG, FG, be inflected to any point G in the circumference, meeting the same in H and K; and let HK, when drawn, meet the diameter AB in L; then I say that  $AL : LB :: AC : CB$ .

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ARTICLE LIV.

Two Propositions from *Stewart's Theorems*.

*(To be answered in Number VII.)*

**PROP. XXIII. THEO. XX.**

**L**ET there be any regular figure circumscribed about a circle of a greater number of sides than three, and from any point within the figure let there be drawn perpendiculars to the sides of the figure, and likewise let there be drawn a right line to the centre of the circle; twice the sum of the cubes of the perpendiculars drawn to the sides of the figure, will be equal to twice the multiple of the cube of the semidiameter of the circle by the number of the sides of the figure, together with thrice the multiple by the same number of the solid, whose base is the square of the line drawn to the centre, and altitude, the semidiameter of the circle.

**PROP.**

## PROP. XXIV. THEO. XXI.

Let there be any figure given by position of a greater number of sides than four; four right lines may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point within the figure there be drawn perpendiculars to the sides of the figure, and likewise there be drawn perpendiculars to the four lines found, four times the sum of the cubes of the perpendiculars drawn to the sides of the figure, will be equal to the multiple of the sum of the cubes of the perpendiculars drawn to the four lines found by the number of the sides of the figure.



## ARTICLE LV.

*Demonstrations to Lawson's Propositions  
proposed in ARTICLE XXXI.*

## PROP. XVIII.

*Demonstrated by Mr. Colin Campbell, Fig. 178,  
179, Pl. 13.*

JOIN AB. Since  $AB=AC$ , the arc  $AB=$ arc  $AC$ ; conse.  $\angle BDA$ , in fig. 178,  $= \angle CBA$ , and in fig. 179,  $=$  sup. of  $\angle ACB =$  sup.  $\angle ABC = \angle ABE$ ; wherefore the  $\Delta$ 's  $BDA$ ,  $BAE$ , are equiangular; therefore  $DA : AB :: AB : AE$ , and therefore  $DAE=AB^2$ .

*Q. E. D.*

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*The same by Mr. John Lowry.*

Join DC. Since  $AB=AC$ , the  $\angle ACB=\angle ABC=\angle ADC$ ; therefore the  $\Delta$ 's AEC, ACD, are equiangular;

therefore  $AC:AE::AD:AC$ ,  
and therefore  $DAE=AC^2=AB^2$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Richard Nicholson.*

Draw the diameter AL, and let it meet BC in I.  
Join LD, LB. Because  $AC=AB$ ,  
the  $\angle ABC=\angle ACI=\angle ALB$ ,  
and the  $\angle BAL$  is common to the  $\Delta$ 's ABI, ABL;  
therefore the  $\angle AIB=\angle ABL=ADL$ ;  
wherefore the  $\Delta$ 's AIE, ADL, are equiangular;  
therefore  $AL:AD::AE:AI$ ,  
therefore  $IAL=DAE$ , and by Eu. VI. 8,  $IAL=AB^2$ ;  
wherefore  $DAE=AB^2$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. J. H. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

Join BD. By hypothesis  $DAE=AB^2$ ,  
that is,  $DA:AB::AB:AE$ ;  
therefore the  $\Delta$ 's ABE, ABD, are equiangular:  
wherefore the  $\angle ABC=\angle EDB=\angle ACB$ ,  
therefore AB is equal to AC.

*Q. Q. V.*

### PROP. XIX.

*Demonstrated by Messrs. Campbell and Lowry.*

Fig. 178, 179, Pl. 13.

By Eu. III. 32. The  $\angle FAC=\angle ABC=\angle ACB$ ,  
therefore AF, BC, are parallel,  
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and therefore the  $\Delta$ 's ACB, ACF, are equiangular;  
 wherefore  $AC : BC :: AF : AC$ ,  
 theref.  $AC^2 = BC \cdot AF$ , and Prop. XVIII.  $AC^2 = DAE$ ;  
 therefore  $BC \cdot AF = DAE$ ;  
 wherefore  $BC : AE :: AD : AF$ ;  
 but by parallels,  $AD : AF :: DE : EG$ ;  
 therefore  $BC : AE :: DE : EG$ ;  
 therefore  $BC \cdot EG = DE \cdot AE = BEC$ ,  
 wherefore  $BC : BE :: EC : EG$ ,  
 therefore  $BC : EC :: EC : CG$ ,  
 and therefore  $BCG = EC^2$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Nicholson.*

By my dem. to Prop. XVIII. the  $\angle AIB = \angle ADL$ ;  
 but  $ADL$  is a right  $\angle$ , therefore  $AIB$  is a right  $\angle$ ;  
 wheref.  $BC$  is perp. to  $AL$ , and  $AF$  is perp. to  $AL$ ;  
 therefore  $AF$  is parallel to  $BC$  and equal to  $FC$ ,  
 wherefore the  $\Delta$ 's AFC, ABC, are equiangular.

Mr. N. now proceeds exactly as Messrs. Lowry  
 and Campbell have done above.

*The same by Mr. J. H. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

By hypothesis  $BCG = EC^2$ ,  
 that is,  $BC : EC :: EC : CG$ ,  
 and by division  $BC : BE :: EC : EG$ ;  
 therefore  $BC \cdot EG = BEC = AED$ ,  
 wherefore  $ED : EG :: BC : AE$ .  
 Again, the  $\angle FAC = \angle ABC = \angle ACB$ ;  
 and therefore  $AF$  is parallel to  $BC$ ;  
 wherefore  $ED : EG :: AD : AF$ ;  
 therefore  $BC : AE :: AD : AF$ ,  
 wherefore  $BC \cdot AF = DAE$ ;  
 but Prop. XVIII.  $DAE = AB^2 = AC^2$ ;  
 therefore  $BC \cdot AF = AC^2$ ,  
 wherefore

re  $BC : AC :: AC : AF$ ;  
 e the  $\Delta$ 's  $ACB, ACF$ , are equiangular,  
 efore  $\angle ACF = \angle ABC = \angle FAC$ ;  
 re  $CF$  is equal to  $AF$ .  
*Q. Q. V.*

*PROP. XX.*

rated by *Messrs. Campbell, Lowry, Nichol-*  
*, and Swale. Fig. 174, 176, Plate 12.*

*ANALYSIS, by Mr. Swale.*

ypothesis  $FG \cdot P = BFC = AFE$ ;  
 e  $P : AF :: FE : FG :: AE : AD$ ;  
 re  $AD \cdot P = EAF$ ;  
 o. XVIII.  $EAF = AB^2$ ;  
 e  $AD \cdot P = AB^2$ .  
*Q. Q. V.*

*HESIS, by Messrs. Campbell, Lowry, and*  
*Nicholson.*

ypothesis  $AD \cdot P = AB^2$ ,  
 rop. XVIII.  $EAF = AB^2$ .  
 e  $AD \cdot P = EAF$ ;  
 re  $P : AF :: EA : AD :: FE : FG$ ;  
 e  $P \cdot FG = AFE = BFC$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*PROP. XXI.*

rated by *Mr. Campell. Fig. 177, Plate*  
*Plate 12, and Fig. 181, Plate 13.*

AB in O, and join EO, LO, EC, GO.  
 I.  $CDO = ADB = DE^2$ ;  
 $DCO (= CDO + CD^2) = DE^2 + CD^2 = CE^2$ ;  
 M m 2 but



but, Prop. XV. CE is a tangent to the circle at E;  
 theref.  $GCH = CE^2$ , and theref.  $DCO = GCH$ .  
 Hence, because the  $\angle$ 's LGO, LDO, are right ones,  
 the points L, G, O, D, H, will be in a circle;  
 wherefore  $EKF = GKH = LKD$ ,  
 that is  $(DE - DK) \cdot (DE + DK)$  or  $DE^2 - DK^2 = LKD$ ;  
 hence  $(LK + KD) \cdot KD$ , that is,  $LDK = DE^2$ .

Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Lowry.*

Draw HD to meet the circle in Q, and join GQ.  
 By hypothesis  $AC : CB :: AD : DB$ ;  
 theref. Conv. Prop. VII. GQ is parallel to EF;  
 wheref. Eu. III. 32.  $\angle LGH = \angle GQH = \angle QDF = \angle HDK$ ;  
 therefore the  $\Delta$ 's HKD, LKG, are equiangular,  
 and therefore  $LKD = HKG = EKF$ ,  
 or  $LKD + DK^2 = EKF + DK^2$ ,  
 that is,  $LDK = EKF + DK^2$ ;  
 but  $EKF = (ED + DK) \cdot (ED - DK) = ED^2 - DK^2$ ;  
 therefore  $LDK = DE^2$ .

Q. E. D.

*The same by Mr. Nicholson.*

To the centre O draw LO, intersecting GH in P, and join EO, OH, LH.

Then because of the right  $\angle$ 's OGL, ODL, a circle will pass through the points G, O, D, L, and by Prop. XV. CE is a tangent to the circle at E; therefore  $GCH = ACB = CE^2$ ;  
 but, by the rt.  $\angle$ 'd  $\Delta$ COE,  $DCO = CE^2$ ;  
 therefore  $DCO = GCH$ ,  
 and therefore the point H is in the circle that passes through the points G, O, D, L; hence the right  $\angle$ 'd  $\Delta$ 's OGL, OHL, having  $OG = OH$ , and OL common, will likewise have  $LG = LH$ , and therefore  $HP = PG$ ;  
 wherefore, LO is perpendicular to HG;

wheref.

wheref. the  $\Delta$ 's LOK, LDO, CDK, are equiangular,  
 theref.  $LDK = CDO$  : but Eu. VI. 8.  $CDO = DE^2$ ;  
 therefore  $LDK = DE^2$ .

*Q. E. D.*

*The same by Mr. Swale.*

### ANALYSIS.

To the centre O draw LO, meeting GH in P.  
 By hyp.  $LDK = DE^2$  ; add  $DK^2$  to each,  
 then  $LKD = DE^2 + DK^2 = EKF = GKH$  ;  
 theref. the points O, L, G, D, H, are in a circle  
 whose diameter is OL ;  
 theref. the right  $\angle$ 'd  $\Delta$ 's LOG, LOH, having  
 $LG = OH$ , and LO common, will also have  
 $LG = LH$ , and the  $\angle GLO = \angle HLO$  ;  
 theref. GH is bisected in P, and OL is per. to GH ;  
 wheref. the  $\Delta$ 's LPK, LDO, are equiangular ;  
 hence  $CDO = LDK = DE^2$  ;  
 theref. Eu. VI. 8. the  $\Delta$  CEO is right  $\angle$ 'd at E ;  
 wheref. CE touches the circle in E ;  
 theref. Conv. Prop. XV.  $AC ; CB :: AD : DB$ .  
*Q. Q. V.*

## ARTICLE LVI.

*Answers to the Mathematical Questions proposed in*  
ARTICLE XXXIII. No. III.

## I. QUESTION 49, answered by Mr. John Lowry.

IN figure 182, plate 13, take  $AB$  = the given distance of the tops of the mountains, and bisect it in  $D$ , and draw  $DE$  perpendicular thereto and = to the sum of the earth's radius and the nearest distance between the surface of the earth and the line connecting their tops; divide  $BD$  in  $Q$ , so that the rect.  $QBD$  may be = the square of half the given difference of the heights of the mountains; join  $QE$ , and draw  $BG$  parallel thereto, meeting  $DE$  produced in  $G$ ; through the three points  $A, G, B$ , describe a circle, and let it meet  $EC$ , drawn parallel to  $AB$ , in  $C$ , and join  $AC, CB$ ; with the centre  $C$  and distance = the earth's radius, describe the arch  $KHI$ ; and  $AK, BI$ , will be the heights of the mountains required.

For,  $Cb$  being drawn perpendicular to  $AB$ , it is evident that  $Hb$  is equal to the nearest distance between the surface of the earth and the line connecting the tops of the mountains, and  $AB$  is = to the distance between their tops. Let  $DG$  be produced to meet the circle in  $F$ , and upon  $CB$  let fall the perpendicular  $FP$ ; join  $BF, CF, CG$ .

Then by sim.  $\Delta$ 's  $BP:CG::BF:FG::BD:BG$ ,  
alternating,  $BP:BD::CG:BG$ ;  
ther.  $BP^2:BD^2::CG^2:BG^2::EGF:DGF::EG:DG$ ;  
but  $ED:DQ::GD:BD$ ,  
and by alter. and divis.  $GE:GD::BQ:BD::QBD:BD^2$ ;  
theref. by equ.  $BP^2:BD^2::QBD:BD^2$ ;

wherefore

wherefore  $BP^2 = QBD$  : but  $2BP = BC - AC$  ;  
 thercf.  $IB - IK = BC - AC =$  the given difference.  
*Q. E. D.*

The method of calculation is evident from the construction.

*And thus the answer is given by Messrs. Nicholson, Swale, and Thornoby.*

*Otherwise by Mr. Ralph Simpson.*

Let KHI represent the surface of the earth, C its centre, and A, B the two mountains; join AC, CB, and draw Cb perpendicular to AB, the line joining the tops of the mountains, then Hb is evidently the nearest distance between the surface of the earth and the line connecting the tops of the mountains, which is given by the question, and  $CH = CK = CI =$  the earth's radius is given; therefore in the  $\triangle ACB$  there is given the base AB, the  $\perp$  Cb, and  $CB - CA$ . Hence, (Simp. Trig. Prop. XIV.)  $\triangle AB \cdot Cb : (AB + CB - CA) \cdot (AB - CB - CA) :: \text{radius} : \text{tang. of } \frac{1}{2} \angle ACB$ ; therefore the  $\angle ACB$  is given.

And (ibid. Prop. VIII.)  $AB : CB - CA :: \text{cosec } \frac{1}{2} \angle ACB : \text{the sine of half the difference of the } \angle$ 's CAB, CBA; therefore the sum and difference of the  $\angle$ 's CAB, CBA, are given, and consequently the  $\angle$ 's themselves are given, from whence the sides CA, CB (and consequently the heights of the mountains IB, AK), may easily be determined.

*The same algebraically by Mr. Johnston.*

Who puts  $CB - CA = d$ ,  $AD = \frac{1}{2} AB = a$ ,  $Cb = b$ , and  $Dh = x$ , then will  $Ab = a - x$ ,  $Bb = a + x$ ;  
wheref.

wheref.  $AC = \sqrt{(b^2 + a + x)^2}$ , and  $BC = \sqrt{(b^2 + a - x)^2}$ ;  
 theref.  $\sqrt{(b^2 + a + x)^2} - d = \sqrt{(b^2 + a - x)^2}$ , and by  
 reduction,  $x = \sqrt{(4d^2 \cdot (a^2 + b^2) - d^4) \div (16a^2 - 4d^2)}$ .  
 Hence the heights of the mountains may be found.

*Messrs. Lee and Wood answered it nearly in the same manner.*

## II. QUESTION 50, answered by Mr. Lowry.

In figure 183, plate 13, let the primitive circle ZRNH represent the meridian of the required place, HR the horizon, ZN the prime vertical, PS the axis, EQ the equator, mno the parallel of declination for the given day, and A and B the sun's places when the observations were made. Conceive a great circle to be described through the points A and B. Then in the isosceles  $\triangle ABP$ , there is given  $AP = BP = 74^\circ 55' 19''$  the co-declination,  $\angle ABP = 30^\circ$  the difference of the times, to find  $AB = 28^\circ 56' 38''$ . And in the  $\triangle AZB$ , (by comparing art. 221 and 241 of Wales' Robertson's Navigation,) it will be as the versed-sine of the  $\angle AZB (= 23^\circ 29' 42''$  the difference of the azimuths) is to radius, so is the difference of the versed-sines of  $AB$  and  $AZ - BZ (= 10^\circ$  the difference of the altitudes,) to half the difference of the versed-sines of  $AZ + BZ$ , and  $AZ - BZ = .6606692$  (radius unity); therefore  $AZ + BZ = 109^\circ 39' 56''$ , and therefore  $AZ = 59^\circ 49' 58''$ , and  $BZ = 49^\circ 49' 58''$ .

Again, in the  $\triangle PAZ$  there is given  $AP$ ,  $AZ$ , and  $\angle AZP = 108^\circ 43'$  to find the hour angle  $APZ = 57^\circ 59' 56''$  and the co-latitude  $PZ = 34^\circ 9' 35''$ ; hence the times from noon are  $1^h 51^m 59^s$  and  $3^h 51^m 59^s$ , and the latitude  $55^\circ 50' 25''$  North.

*The same by the Rev. Mr. L. Evans.*

Let Z be the zenith, P the pole, and A, B the sun's places at the required times of observation. Draw the great circles AP, BP, AZ, BZ, and BA, then there is given  $AP=BP$ ,  $\angle ABP$ =the difference of times,  $AZ-BZ$ =the difference of altitudes, and  $\angle AZB$ =the difference of azimuths. Find AB, and then by the last proposition of Simpson's Trigonometry, Cor. 3, (putting  $V$  for the versed-sine of the  $\angle AZB$ , and  $W$  for the versed-sine of its supplement), we have  $\text{cosine of } AZ+BZ=(2R \times \text{cosine } AB-W \times \text{cosine } (AZ-BZ)) \div V$ ; hence  $AZ+BZ$  and  $AZ-BZ$  being given,  $AZ$  and  $BZ$  will be given; whence every thing else is easily had.

*Otherwise by Mr. Bulmer.*

Who finds  $AB=28^{\circ} 56' 36''$ , and then puts  $d$ =versed-sine of  $AZ-BZ$ ,  $f$ =versed-sine of  $AZ+BZ$ ,  $v$ =versed-sine of  $\angle AZB$ , and  $n$ =versed-sine of  $AB$ . By *Theo. X. page 101, of Thacker's Problems*, we have the equation,  $d+\frac{1}{2}(fv-dv)=n$ , and  $f=(2n+dv-2d) \div v$ : but  $2-v$  is the versed-sine of the supplement of the  $\angle AZB$ , which call  $w$ , and then  $(2n-dw) \div v=f$ . Hence the sum of  $AZ, BZ=109^{\circ} 39' 44''$ , the half of which, viz.  $54^{\circ} 49' 52''$ , added to half their difference  $=5^{\circ}$ , gives  $AZ=59^{\circ} 49' 52''$ , and the difference between the said half sum and half difference gives  $BZ=49^{\circ} 49' 52''$ . Whence the latitude is easily found  $=55^{\circ} 51' 24''$ , and the times when the observations were made are found to be 8 min. past 8, and 8 min. past 10 o'clock.

*It was answered also by Messrs. Harris, Simpson, and Swale.*

III. QUESTION 51, answered by Mr. Richard Nicholson.

Produce CD (fig. 184, pl. 13.) if necessary, to meet a parallel to BC, drawn from A, in L; draw KM parallel to BC.

Take AN : NL as Be : eC, that is, as AE : ED. Then NE being joined, will be parallel to LC; join Ne, and let it meet KM in P, then by parallels we have  $LD : NE :: AL : AN :: KM : KP :: MH$  to a parallel to LC, drawn from the point P, to terminate in KH, that is, by alternation,  $LD : MH :: NE$  : the aforesaid parallel.

Again, by parallels, and the proposition, it will be as  $CL : CM :: BA : BK :: CD : CH$ ; therefore, by alternation and division,  $LD : MH :: CD : CH$ ; and by parallels and equality,  $LD : MH :: BA : BK :: eN : eP :: NE$  to a parallel to LC, drawn from P, to terminate in Ee. Hence, by equality, as  $NE$  : the first-mentioned parallel ::  $NE$  : to the last-mentioned parallel; therefore those parallels are equal, and they are drawn from the same point; therefore they can meet Ee and KH in no other point but that of their intersection; and therefore, are coincident; hence,  $Be : eC :: KP : PM :: KO : OH$ .

In the same way it may be shewn that KH will divide any number of lines in the same ratio, if drawn according to the proposition.

*Ingenuous solutions were sent by Messrs. Lowry, Swale, and Thornoby.*

IV. QUESTION 52, answered by Mr. Harris.

In this question, for "one third part," read "30 square inches," and the solution will be as follows :  
—By hydrostatics the weight of the globe will be  
to

to the weight of the segment immersed, as the specific gravity of water to the specific gravity of oak, that is, as 1000 to 925; therefore the weight of the globe will be to the weight of the segment above the water, as 1000:75.

Put  $x$  for the diameter of the globe, and  $y$  for the versed-line, or height of the segment above the water.

By mensuration,  $x^3 : (3x - 2y) \cdot y^2 :: 1000 : 75$ , and by the question,  $3 \cdot 14159 \times yx = 30$

From this equation  $x = 30 \div 3 \cdot 14159 y = m \div y$ ; hence, by sub.  $m^3 \div y^3 : (3m \div y - 2y) \cdot y^2 :: 1000 : 75$ , whence, by reduction,  $y = 1 \cdot 2652$  and  $x = 7 \cdot 5486$  inches, the diameter of the globe required.

*Otherwise by Master John Grier, Pupil to Mr. Harris.*

Put  $x$  = the versed-line or height of the segment unimmersed, and  $nx$  = the diameter of the globe. Then by mensuration and the specific gravity of bodies  $n^3 x^3 : (3nx - 2x) \cdot x^2 :: 1000 : 75$ , or  $n^3 : 3n - 2 :: 1000 : 75$ , and  $75n^3 = 3000n - 2000$ ; hence,  $n = 5 \cdot 97$ , and therefore, let the magnitude of the globe be what it will, provided it be solid oak, and the fluid common water, the height of the segment unimmersed will be to the diameter of the globe in the constant ratio of 1:5.97.

Again, by mensuration and the question

$3 \cdot 1416 \times nx^2 = 30$ , &  $x = \sqrt{30 \div (3 \cdot 1416 \times n)} = 1 \cdot 265$ ; hence,  $nx = 7 \cdot 548$  the diameter of the globe.

*Answered also by Messrs. Bulmer, Lowry, Simpson, and Swale.*



*V. QUESTION 53, answered by Mr. John Lee.*

Let ABC (fig. 185, pl. 13.) represent the conical fugar loaf, D the top of the candle, and APFH the shadow made by the cone upon the ceiling; draw the lines as in the figure, and let O be the centre of the circle HGPF made by the shadow of the base of the cone. Then there is given in feet, the altitude of the cone  $= EL = 1\frac{1}{2}$ , BC the diameter of the cone's base  $= 1$ ,  $CD = 10$ , and  $DE = 5\frac{1}{2}$ , and therefore  $DL = 4$ .

Now, by sim.  $\Delta$ 's,  $DL : DE :: DC : DG$ ,  
and  $DC : DG :: BC : FG$ ;  
therefore  $DL : DE :: BC : FG = 11 \div 8$ ,

and by Eu. I. 47,  $CL = \sqrt{CD^2 - DL^2} = 2\sqrt{21}$ .

But  $DL : CL :: DE : EG = 11\sqrt{21} \div 4$ , and  $AE = 2\sqrt{21} + \frac{1}{2}$ ;

therefore  $AG = EG - AE = 3\sqrt{21} \div 4 + \frac{1}{2}$ ,

and  $AO = AG + GO = 3\sqrt{21} \div 4 + 3 \div 16$ ;

hence  $AP = \sqrt{AO^2 - PO^2} = 3.5593$ .

Again, by sim.  $\Delta$ 's,  $AO : OP :: OP : OX = .13038$ ,

and  $AO : OP :: AP : PX = .675$ ;

therefore  $FX = .81788$ , and  $AX = 3.49405$ ;

hence the area of the segment HPF  $= .92354$

and the area of the triangle APH  $= 2.35848$

theref. the area of the whole shadow is  $= 3.282$  feet.

*And thus it was answered by Messrs. Lowry, Simpson, Swale, and Thornoby.*

*VI. QUESTION 54, answered by Mr. Lowry.*

In fig. 186, pl. 13, let ABMR represent a section of the sphere passing through the centre, and perpendicular to the sides of the hole, and EFIK, another

another section passing through the angular point E, F, K, I, of the hole on the surface of the sphere; draw the lines as in the figure, and join ZF, FY, with great circles; also conceive a great circle to pass through the points F, I.

Then OF is evidently the sine of half the arch FI; but OE is  $= \sqrt{18}$  the sine of  $45^\circ$  to radius 6; theref. the arch FI  $= 90^\circ$ , and arch FS  $=$  IT  $= 45^\circ$ . Now Z is the pole of the circle DPC,

and Y is the pole of the circle BR; theref. the arch ZY  $= 90^\circ$ , and ZS, SY, each  $= 45^\circ$ , and by trig. ZF  $=$  FY  $= 60^\circ$ , and  $\angle$  FZS  $=$  ZFS  $= 54^\circ 44'$ ; theref. the sum of the  $\angle$ 's in the  $\triangle$  FZS  $= 199^\circ 28'$ ; hence, as  $180^\circ : 19^\circ 28' (199^\circ 28' - 180) ::$  a great circle of the sphere ( $= 113.0976$ ) :  $12.2312$  the area of the  $\triangle$  ZFY.

Moreover, because the arch ZF or ZC  $= 60^\circ$ , its versed-sine is  $=$  to half the rad. of the sphere  $= 3$ ; therefore, as the diameter  $12 : 3 ::$  the surface of the sphere ( $= 144 \times 3.14159$ ) : the surface of the segment DABC  $= 36 \times 3.14159$ . Then as  $360^\circ : \angle$  FZC ( $= 54^\circ 44'$ )  $:: 36 \times 3.14159 : 17.195 =$  the surface FZC,  $=$  also to the surface YFB; therefore, from its double, take the  $\triangle$  ZFY, and there remains  $9.9276 =$  the surface of the part CFB, the double of which drawn into one-third of the radius of the sphere is  $=$  to the solidity of the spheric sector BOC  $= 39.7088$ .

Again,  $PC = \sqrt{OC^2 - OP^2} = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3}$ ; therefore DC  $= 10.3923048$  and FC  $= 2.1961424$ ; hence the area of the segment whose versed sine is CF and diameter of the circle DC, is  $= 13.072273$ ; therefore the solidity of the pyramid whose base is this segment, and altitude OP  $= 3$ , is  $= 13.072273$ , and the double of this taken from  $39.7088$ , the solidity of the sector, leaves  $13.5644$  for the solidity of the second segment CFBFC. But the content of

the segment DABC is  $= 141.372$ , and since the sides of the square hole are equidistant from the centre of the sphere, the segments DABC, BCQR, QRMG, MGDA, are equal, as are likewise the second segments BCF, QKR, MIG, DEA; therefore  $4 \times$  segment DABC  $- 4 \times$  second segment CFBFC  $= 511.23$  the solidity of the part remaining, which taken from  $904.78$ , the solidity of the globe, leaves  $393.55$  inches for the solidity of the piece cut out.

N. B. For an illustration of this solution, see Dr. Hutton's excellent Treatise on Mensuration.

Mr. Thornoby also pointed out a method of solution.

### VII. QUESTION 55, answered by Mr. Bulmer.

Let AP (fig. 187, pl. 13) represent the tower, PBC the horizontal plane, ADB the path of the ball before reflection, and BLC its path after reflection. Draw ADM parallel to PB, meeting BM drawn parallel to AE (the direction of the ball at the beginning of the motion) in M. Erect the perpendicular BH, bisect AD in O, and draw ROV, QDE, parallel to BH, and at the point B draw the tangents BS, BK, which, by the nature of reflection, will make the  $\angle$ 's SBQ, KBC,  $=$  to each other.

Now by projectiles, sine of twice  $\angle$  EAD  $\times$  the square of the velocity  $\div$ ed by  $32\frac{1}{2} = AD = 45117.5$  feet, and by trigonometry as  $\text{tang. } \angle$  HMB  $=$  DAE  $= 20^\circ 5'$  : radius  $:: BH = 80 : HM = 218.8$ . Again, by prop. 2d. of *Simpson's Select Exercises*,  $OH = \sqrt{AO \cdot (AO + 2MH)} = 22776.5$ , therefore PB  $= 45335.25$ .

Moreover  $VO = \text{tang. } \angle$  DAE  $\times \frac{1}{4} AD = 4123.9$ , therefore  $VR = VS = 4203.9$  and  $SR = 8407.8$ . Hence in the right-angled  $\triangle$  SRB there is given

two sides SR, BR, to find the  $\angle RBS = 10^\circ 27' 27'' = \angle KBC$ . Again, by projectiles, the velocity of the ball at B is found  $= 1501.7$  feet in one second, and, sine of twice  $\angle KBC \times$  square of the velocity at B  $\div$  ed by  $32\frac{1}{2} = BC = 25026.9$  feet.

Whence the time the ball was in motion, its velocity at C, and PC, the distance from the bottom of the tower may be easily determined.

*Messrs. Lowry, Peacock, Simpson, and Thornley, favoured us with ingenious solutions to this question.*

VIII. QUESTION 56, answered by Mr. W.  
Peacock.

Let  $v$  represent the velocity acquired by the ball in descending from the balloon to the surface of the elm,  $n$  the space the ball would penetrate into the elm, impinging upon it, with that velocity; then the velocity being as the square roots of the spaces, we have

$\sqrt{n} : \sqrt{n-1} :: v : (\sqrt{n-1}) \cdot v \div \sqrt{n} =$  the velocity lost by the ball in passing through the 1st inch of the elm;

$\sqrt{n} : \sqrt{n-1} - \sqrt{n-2} :: v : (\sqrt{n-1} - \sqrt{n-2}) \cdot v \div \sqrt{n} =$  do. in the 2d in.

$\sqrt{n} : \sqrt{n-2} - \sqrt{n-3} :: v : (\sqrt{n-2} - \sqrt{n-3}) \cdot v \div \sqrt{n} =$  do. in the 3d in.

$\sqrt{n} : \sqrt{n-3} - \sqrt{n-4} :: v : (\sqrt{n-3} - \sqrt{n-4}) \cdot v \div \sqrt{n} =$  do. in the 4th in.

hence  $(\sqrt{n-1}) \cdot v \div \sqrt{n} + (\sqrt{n-1} - \sqrt{n-2}) \cdot v \div \sqrt{n} + (\sqrt{n-2} -$

$\sqrt{n-3}) \cdot v \div \sqrt{n} + (\sqrt{n-3} - \sqrt{n-4}) \cdot v \div \sqrt{n} = (\sqrt{n-1}) \cdot v \div$

$\sqrt{n} =$  the velocity lost when the ball has passed through the four inches of elm. Therefore  $v -$

$(\sqrt{n-1}) \cdot v \div \sqrt{n} = \sqrt{n-4} \cdot v \div \sqrt{n} =$  the velocity of the ball at that time. But by the question, this

velocity must be such as will carry it through 60 feet in the next second, that is,  $\sqrt{n-4} \cdot v \div \sqrt{n} = 43\frac{1}{2}$ ; hence  $v^2 = (43\frac{1}{2})^2 \cdot n \div (n-4)$ , but, by Prob. 9, of Dr. Hutton's Select Exercices  $(1 \times 11\frac{1}{3} \times 13) \cdot v^2 \div (2 \times 7\frac{1}{3} \times 1500^2) = n$ , and  $v^2 = n \cdot (2 \times 7\frac{1}{3} \times 1500^2) \div (1 \times 11\frac{1}{3} \times 13)$ ; therefore, by equating these two values of  $v^2$ , we have  $(43\frac{1}{2})^2 \cdot n \div (n-4) = n \cdot (2 \times 7\frac{1}{3} \times 1500^2) \div (1 \times 11\frac{1}{3} \times 13)$ , from which  $n = \frac{1 \cdot 11\frac{1}{3} \cdot 13 \cdot (43\frac{1}{2})^2}{2 \cdot 7\frac{1}{3} \cdot 1500^2} = 16\frac{4}{15}$ , therefore  $v^2 \div (4 \times 16\frac{4}{15}) = 13956 \cdot 46 =$  Lucard's height above the block, and therefore his height above the earth  $= 14016 \cdot 46$  feet

*Solutions equally ingenious were received from Messrs. Bulmer, Lee, Lowry, and Swale.*

#### IX. QUESTION 57, answered by Mr. Lowry.

Fig. 188, Pl. 13. Let ZAH represent a quadrant of the meridian, AH the altitude of the culmen cœli, DN the altitude of the nonagesimal degree, NZ its complement, NA perpendicular to DZ and equal to the distance of the nonagesimal degree from the meridian  $= 16^\circ 44'$ .

Since  $AH + DN$  is given  $= 78^\circ 25'$ ,  $AZ + NZ$ , the sum of their complements, will be given  $= 101^\circ 35'$ , and the  $\angle ZNA$  is  $= 90^\circ$ ; therefore if NZ be produced to Q, so that ZQ may be  $= ZA$ , and AQ be drawn, there will be given AN, NQ, and the  $\angle ZNA$  to find  $AQ = 101^\circ 5' 31''$ , and the  $\angle NQA = 17^\circ 3' 40''$ . Draw ZP perpendicular to AQ, then in the rt.  $\angle$ 'd  $\triangle APZ$  there is given  $AP = \frac{1}{2} AQ = 50^\circ 32' 45''$ , and the  $\angle PAZ = \angle NQA$ , to find  $AZ = 51^\circ 48' 19''$ ; hence  $NZ = 49^\circ 46' 41''$ ,  
and

and  $ND = 40^{\circ} 13' 19''$  the altitude of the nonagesimal degree.

*Ingenious solutions to this question were also received from Messrs. Dawes, Swale, and Thornoby.*

**X. QUESTION 58, answered by Mr. Lowry.**

Let  $Z$  (fig. 189, pl. 13.) be the zenith,  $P$  the pole, and  $O$  the sun's place. Then there is given the  $\angle OZP = 93^{\circ} 8' 30''$  (= the supplement of the given azimuth),  $OP = 67^{\circ}$ , the comp. of the declination, and  $OZ + ZP = 180^{\circ} - 92^{\circ} 4' = 87^{\circ} 56'$ . Hence, by the last Prop. and last Cor. of *Simpson's Trigonometry*, putting  $V$  for the versed sine of the  $\angle Z$ , and  $W$  for the versed sine of its supplement, we have cosine of  $(OZ - ZP) = (2 \times \text{Rad.} \times \cos. OP - V \times \cos. (OZ + ZP)) \div W = \cos. \text{ of } 37^{\circ} 56'$ ; hence  $OZ = 62^{\circ} 56'$ , and  $ZP = 25^{\circ}$ , and  $\angle OZP = 75^{\circ}$ ; therefore the required latitude is  $65^{\circ}$ , and the hour five P. M.

*Messrs. Dawes, Swale, and Thornoby likewise sent ingenious solutions to this question.*

**XI. QUESTION 59, answered by Mr. Lowry.**

The figure remaining as in the last question, we have given in the  $\triangle OZP$ , the  $\angle OZP = 96^{\circ} 19'$  (the sup. of the given azimuth), the hour  $\angle OPZ = 68^{\circ} 45'$ , and  $OZ + ZP + PO = 3$  quadrants  $= 111^{\circ} 45' = 158^{\circ} 15'$ , to find  $ZP$ . Continue  $ZP$ ,  $ZO$  till  $ZB$ ,  $ZA$ , be each  $=$  half the sum of  $OZ$ ,  $ZP$ ,  $PO$ ; draw the perpendicular arches  $BC$ ,  $AC$ , to meet in  $C$ , and draw  $CZ$ ,  $CP$ , which, as is well known, will bisect the  $\angle$ 's  $OZP$ ,  $OPB$ . Hence, in the rt.  $\angle$ 'd  $\triangle CZB$ , we have  $ZB = 79^{\circ} 7' 30''$ , and  $\angle CZB = 48^{\circ} 9' 30''$  to find  $CB = 47^{\circ} 38' 30''$ , and in the rt.  $\angle$ 'd  $\triangle CBP$  there will be given,  $CB = 47^{\circ} 38' 30''$ , and  $\angle CBP = \frac{1}{2}$  the sup. of  $\angle OPZ = 55^{\circ} 37' 30''$ ,

to find  $BP = 48^{\circ} 36' 39''$ , which taken from  $ZB$ , leaves  $ZP = 30^{\circ} 30' 51''$  the complement of the latitude.

*And thus the answer is given by Messrs. Dawes, Swale, and Thornoby.*

### *XII. QUESTION 60, answered by Mr. Lowry.*

Here, in fig. 189, pl. 13, we have given in the  $\triangle OZP$ , the co-lat.  $ZP$ , the hour  $\angle OPZ$ , and  $OZ \perp OP$ , to find  $OZ$  the co-altitude, which may be determined, as in question 58, when the sum of the declination and altitude is consistent with the rest of the data, but in the present instance it is given considerably too large.

*And thus it was answered by Messrs. Dawes, Swale, and Thornoby.*

### *XIII. QUESTION 61, answered by Mr. Lowry.*

#### *ANALYSIS.*

Suppose the problem solved, and that  $LC$ ,  $LA$ , (fig. 190, pl. 13.) drawn at any convenient angle to each other, are the lines required, and having the given ratio; take  $LO = LG =$  to the given line. Join  $AC$  and draw  $GH$  parallel thereto.

By parallells  $LA : LC :: LG : LH$  ;  
but  $LG$ , and the ratio of  $LA$  to  $LC$  are given ;  
therefore  $LH$  and consequently  $OH$  will be given.  
Now by the Prob.  $OC \cdot GA$  is given, and the ratio of  $GA$  to  $HC$  is given, being the same as the ratio of  $LA$  to  $LC$  ; therefore the rect.  $OCH$  is given.  
Hence the Prob. is reduced to this, viz. to produce  $OH$  to  $C$ , so that the rect.  $OCH$  may be equal to

a given space, which is elegantly done in *Professor Playfair's* edit. of the *Elements*. III. 29.

*The same by Mr. Rd. Nicholson, Leeds.*

*Conf.* fig. 190, pl. 13, take  $GH =$  to twice the given line, and bisect it in  $F$ ; draw  $FB \perp$  to  $GH$  and  $=$  to the side of the given square; divide  $GH$  at  $K$  in the given ratio; join  $BK$  and produce it to meet a semicircle described upon  $GH$  in  $L$ , join  $LG$ ,  $LH$ , and produce them till they meet a parallel to  $GH$ , drawn through  $B$ , in  $A$ ,  $C$ ;  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , are the lines required.

*Demon.* Draw  $FD$ ,  $FE$  parallel to  $LA$ ,  $LC$ . By  $\parallel$ 's and *Conf.*  $GF = AD = FFH = FC =$  the given line,  
and  $GK : KH :: AB : BC$ , the given ratio,  
and the  $\angle DFE = \angle GLH =$  a right angle;  
theref. Eu. VI. 8.  $BF^2 = DBE =$  the rect. of the diff.

*And thus it was answered by Mr. Swale.*

#### XIV. QUESTION 62, answered by Mr. Lowry.

*Conf.* In fig. 191, pl. 13, take  $CK =$  the given sum of the  $\perp$  and bisecting line, and  $EQ$  a mean proportional between the other given sum and difference; from  $E$ , to the indefinite right line  $IBD$ , drawn at right angles to  $CQ$ , apply  $FB = EQ$ ; take  $BI =$  the given sum of one side and its adjacent segment, and join  $IE$ . Draw  $EA$  to make the  $\angle AEI = \angle AIE$ , and  $ED$  to make the  $\angle BED = \angle BEA$ , so shall  $AED$  be the  $\Delta$  required.

*Demon.*  $EB$  bisects the  $\angle AED$ , and  $EB + EC = CQ =$  the given sum of the perpendicular and bisecting line.

Also, because of the equal angles,  $AB = AI$ ; therefore  $AE + AB = BI =$  the other given sum by *Conf.*

It



It remains now to prove that  $ED - BD$  is  $=$  to the given difference, to do which we have,

$$AE + AB \cdot (ED - BD) = AED + AB \cdot ED - AE \cdot BD - ABD,$$

and  $AED - ABD = BE^2$ ;

$$\text{theref. } (AE + AB) \cdot (ED - BD) = AB \cdot ED - AE \cdot BD + BE^2 :$$

$$\text{but } AE : AB :: ED : BD, \text{ ie. } AB \cdot ED = AE \cdot BD ;$$

$$\text{therefore } (AE + AB) \cdot (ED - BD) = BE^2,$$

and by *Conf.*  $(AE + AB) \times \text{ed by the given diff.} = BE^2$  ;  
therefore  $ED - BD =$  the given difference.

*Q. E. D.*

*Cor.* In any plane  $\Delta$ , the line bisecting the vertical  $\angle$  is a mean proportional between the sum of one side and its adjacent segment, and the difference between the other side and its adjacent segment of the base, made by the said bisecting line.

*The same by Mr. Nicholson.*

*Conf.* Make the rt.  $\angle$ 'd  $\Delta BEC$ , (fig. 191, pl. 13.) such, that the hypotenuse  $BE$  may be a mean proportional between the given sum of one side and its adjacent, and the given difference between the other side and its adjacent segment, and  $BE + EC =$  to the given sum of the bisecting line and  $\perp$  ; take  $BO$ , in  $BC$  produced,  $=$  the given diff. join  $OE$ , and draw  $ED$  to meet  $BC$  produced in  $D$ , making the  $\angle OED = \angle DOE$  ; lastly, draw  $EA$  to make an  $\angle$  with  $EB =$  to the  $\angle BED$ , and let it meet  $BC$  produced in  $A$ , and  $ADE$  will be the  $\Delta$  required.

*Demon.* By *Conf.* the  $\angle AEB = \angle DEB$ , the  $\angle OED = \angle DOE$ ,  $EC \perp AD$ , and  $EC + EB =$  the given sum of the  $\perp$  and bisecting line ; therefore  $DE = DO$  ; conseq.  $DE - DB = DO - DB = BO$ , the given difference.

Now

Now Eu. VI. 3,  $AE : ED :: AB : BD$ , ie.  $AE \cdot BD = AB \cdot ED$ ,  
 and  $AE \cdot ED = AB \cdot BD + BE^2$ ,  
 theref.  $(ED - BD) \cdot AE = (BD - ED) \cdot AB + BE^2$ ,  
 or,  $(ED - BD) \cdot AE - (BD + ED) \cdot AB = BE^2$ ;  
 but  $(ED - BD) \cdot AE - (BD + ED) \cdot AB = (ED - BD) \cdot (AE + AB)$ ;  
 theref. by equality  $(ED - BD) \cdot (AE + AB) = BE^2$ .  
*Q. E. D.*

*The same answered by Mr. Swale.*

*Conf.* In BG, (fig. 191, pl. 13.) equal the given sum of the  $\perp$  and bisecting line, take BE, = a mean proportional between the first given sum and difference; with radius EG, and centre E, describe the circle GCR, to which, through B, draw the tangent BC, and in BC produced, take BI, BO equal to the first given sum and diff. respectively; join IE, OE, and bisect them in L, S, and demit the  $\perp$ 's LA, SD, meeting BI in A and BC produced in D; then joining AE, DE; AED will be the required  $\Delta$ .

*Demon.* EC being joined, is evidently  $\perp$  to AD. Since  $IL = LE$ ,  $OS = SE$ , and LA, SD,  $\perp$  to IE, OE, the  $\Delta$ 's IAE, ODE, are isosceles, therefore  $IA = AE$ , and  $OD = DE$ ;

therefore  $BA + AE = BI =$  the given sum,  
 and  $DE - DB = BO =$  the given difference.

Again, by a known Prop.  $AE : AB :: DE : DB$ ,  
 theref. comp. et div.  $BI : AE - AB :: DE + DB : BO$ ;  
 but  $(AE - AB) \cdot (DE + DB) = AED - AEB = EB^2$ ;  
 therefore  $BI : BE :: BE : BO$ , as by *Conf.*

Also, since  $EC = EG$ ,  $EB + EC = BG =$  the given sum, and EB bisects the  $\angle$  AED, therefore,

*Q. E. D.*

AV. QUESTION 63, answered by Mr. Lowry.

*Conf.* In fig. 192, pl. 13, take  $CO$  = the given distance between the vertex and the centre of the inscribed circle, and produce it till the rect.  $OCh$  be = the given rectangle of the sides; on  $hC$  as a diameter, let a circle be described, and apply therein  $Cf$ ,  $Cg$ , each = half the given perimeter; demit the  $\perp OV$ ; with the centres  $O$  and  $h$ , and distances  $OV$ ,  $hf$ , let two circles be described, and let the right line  $AB$  be drawn to touch them both, and meeting  $Cg$ ,  $Cf$ , in  $A$ ,  $B$ , then  $ACB$  will be the  $\Delta$  required.

*Demon.* By *Conf.*  $CO$  is = the given distance between the vertex and the centre of the inscribed circle, and by a well known Prop.  $AC + CB + AB = 2Cf$ . Join  $OA$ ,  $OB$ ;

then  $CO : CB :: CE : CB + EB$ ,

and  $CO : AC :: CE : AC + AE$ ;

theref.  $CO^2 : ACB :: CE^2 : (CB + EB) \cdot (AC + AE)$ ,

and by cor. to last qu.  $CE^2 = (AC + AE) \cdot (CB - EB)$ ;

therefore  $CO^2 : ACB :: CB - EB : CB + EB$ .

Again,  $AE : AC :: EB : CB$ ;

theref.  $AE + AC : AC - AE :: EB + CB : CB - EB$ ,

theref. per. et com.  $AE + AC + CB + EB : AC - AE + CB - EB :: CB + EB : CB - EB$ ,

that is,  $2Cf : 2CV :: CB + EB : CB - EB$ ;

therefore  $Cf : CV :: ACB : CO^2$ ;

but by *Conf.*  $Cf : CV :: Ch : CO :: hCO : CO^2$ ,

by equality  $ACB : CO^2 :: hCO : CO^2$ ;

theref.  $ACB = hCO$  = the given rect. of the sides.

*Q. E. D.*

*Cor.* In any plane triangle, the rectangle of the sides is equal to the rectangle contained under the distances, between the vertex and the centre of the inscribed circle, and the centre of a circle touching the base and the continuation of the sides of the  $\Delta$ .

*Otherwise*

*Otherwise by Mr. Swale.*

*ANALYSIS.*

Suppose ACB (fig. 192, pl. 13.) the  $\Delta$  that is to be constructed, and O the centre of the inscribed circle. Bisect AB in H; through C, O, draw CI, meeting a  $\perp$  demit from H in I; join IA, IB; with the centre I and the distance  $IA=IB$ , describe the circle AOB'S, meeting CA again in L, and which will evidently pass through O; produce CI to meet the circle again in S; to the points of contact of the inscribed circle GVQ, draw the radii OG, OV, OQ, and upon AC demit the  $\perp$  IP.

Then it is known that  $CL=CB$ , and  $ACL=SCO$ , but a ACL is a given rect. and CO is a given line; therefore CS, CI, OI, are given.

Again,  $IO^2 (=IA^2=IB^2)=CIE$ , therefore IE, EC, are given. Also,  $AC+CB+AB (=2CP+AB=4CP-2CQ)$ , the perimeter is given, and  $CP:CQ :: CI:CO$ , a given ratio; therefore CP, CQ, are given, and therefore the base AB, as well as the radius ( $OG=OQ=OV$ ) of the inscribed circle, is given, wherefore the  $\perp$  CR is given, and therefore the construction of the triangle is evident.

*XVI. QUESTION 64, answered by Mr. Swale.*

*ANALYSIS.*

Let AFE (fig. 193, pl. 13.) be the  $\Delta$  to be constructed. Demit the  $\perp$  FD, and make  $DC=DE$ , and bisect AC in B; join FC, FB, and upon FB demit the  $\perp$  DL.

Since  $AC=2BC$ , and  $AF^2+FE^2 (=AF^2+FC^2=2BF^2+2BC^2)$  are given, BF will be given.

Again,

Again, the rect.  $\frac{1}{2} AE \cdot FD = BDF = BF \cdot LD$  is given, therefore  $DL$  or the point  $L$  is given.

*The Composition, by Mr. Lowry.*

*Conf.* Take  $BF^2 =$  the difference between half the given sum of the squares and the square of half the difference of the segments of the base, and on  $BF$  constitute the rectangle  $BFST$  to contain the given area, and meeting a semicircle described upon  $BF$ , in  $D$ ; draw  $BD$ , and on it continued, take  $AB, BC$ , each equal to half the given difference of the segments of the base, and make  $DE = DC$ , and join  $EF$ ;  $AFE$  is the  $\Delta$  required.

*Demon.*  $AD - DE = AD - DC = AC =$  the given diff. and  $AF^2 + EF^2 = AF^2 + FC^2 = 2AB^2 + 2BF^2$ : but  $2BF^2 =$  the given sum of the squares  $- 2AB^2$ ; theref.  $AF^2 + EF^2 =$  the given sum of the sqs. Again,  $\Delta AFE = 2 \Delta BFD =$  rect.  $BFST =$  the given area.

*Q. E. D.*

*An elegant construction was also received from Mr. Richard Nicholson.*

# *XVII. QUESTION 65, answered by Mr.*

*Louis Hill.*

*Conf.* In any line take  $FM$  (fig. 196, pl. 14.)  $=$  the given sum of the  $\perp$  and diff. of the segments of the base, and perpendicular thereto, take  $FH = \frac{1}{2} FM$ ; join  $MH$ , and draw  $FQ$  to meet it in  $Q$ , and making the  $\angle QFH =$  to half the given diff. of the  $\angle$ 's at the base; on  $MQ$  let a semicircle be described, and draw  $HIK \perp$  to  $MQ$ , and let it meet the circle in  $I$ ; take  $HK$  a 4th proportional to  $FH, HI$ , and  $S, S$ , being  $=$  to half the given sum of the sides. Draw  $KL \parallel$  to  $MQ$ , meeting the circle

circle in L, and on MQ drop the  $\perp$  LD, and draw DEC  $\parallel$  to FH, meeting FM in E, and take thereon EC = DE; draw DG  $\parallel$  to FQ, meeting FM in Q, and through the three points G, C D, describe a circle, cutting FH produced in B and A; join CA, BC, and ACB will be the  $\Delta$  that was to be constructed.

*Demon.* On AB demit the  $\perp$  CP, join DB, and continue QF to meet DC produced, in N.

Then BP—AP=CD, as is well known, and FM = 2FH; therof. ME=2ED=CD, and therof. CP+CD=FM= the given sum of the  $\perp$  and diff. of the segments of the base.

Again, by  $\parallel$ 's  $\angle DGE = \angle NFG$ , and therof.  $\angle GDE = \angle QFH$ ; conseq.  $\angle BAC - \angle ABC = \angle CBD = 2\angle CDG = 2\angle QFH =$  the given diff. of the angles at the base.

By sim.  $\Delta$ 's FH : HQ :: ND : DQ,  
and FH : HM :: DE : DM,  
therefore, FH<sup>2</sup> : MHQ :: EDN : MDQ;  
but, by *Conf.* FH : S :: HI : HK,  
that is, FH<sup>2</sup> : S<sup>2</sup> :: HI<sup>2</sup> : HK<sup>2</sup>,  
and HI<sup>2</sup> = MHQ, HK<sup>2</sup> = DL<sup>2</sup> = MDQ;  
therof. by equality, EDN = S<sup>2</sup>,

but, Simp. Trig. Prop. 18.  $\frac{1}{2}(AC + CB)^2 = EDN$ ;  
therof.  $\frac{1}{2}(AC + CB)^2 = S^2$ , and consequently  
AC+CB= the given sum of the sides.

Q. E. D.

*The constructions received from Messrs. Lowry, Nicholson, and Swale, being so very little different from the one given above, it is unnecessary to exhibit them, even if we had room.*

**XVIII. QUESTION 66, answered by Mr. Lowry.**

*Conf.* Fig. 196, pl. 14, draw the right lines BCR, BS, to contain the given diff. of the  $\angle$ 's at  

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the base; take BR, BS. each  $\equiv$  to half the given sum, and erect RO, SO, perpendicular to them intersecting each other in O; draw OB, and divide it in W. so, that the rect. OBW may be  $\equiv$  the given rectangle of the sides; with the centres O, W, describe two circles to touch the right lines BR, BS, and draw CD to touch both the circles, and intersect BR, BS, in C, D; through the points C, D, B, describe a circle, and draw BA parallel to DC, meeting the circle in A; join CA, and ACB, will be the  $\Delta$  required.

*Demon.*  $\angle BAC \angle - ABC \angle = CBD =$  the given diff. of the  $\angle$ 's at the base, and  $AC + CB + CD = CB + BD + CD = BR + BS$ , by a well-known property,  $\equiv$  the given sum of the sides and diff. of the segments of the base. Again,  $AC \cdot CB = CB \cdot BD = OB \cdot BW$ , by *Cor.* to Qu. 63,  $\equiv$  the given rectangle by construction. Q. E. D.

*Constructions were also received from Messrs. Hill, Nicholson, and Swale.*

**XIX. QUESTION 67, answered by the Rev. Mr. L. Evans.**

In Simpson's Fluxions, page 76, we have  $x -$

$\frac{x + n^2 a^2 x^{2n-1}}{n-1}$ , an expression for the sum of the

abscissa of the evolute, and the radius of curvature at the vertex of a parabola of any kind; but when  $x=0$ , and  $n=\frac{1}{2}$ , the expression becomes

$\frac{\frac{1}{4} a^2 \times 0^0}{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{a^2}{2}$ , the value of the radius of curva-

ture of the conical parabola at the vertex.

But this mode of expression ( $0^0=1$ ) can only be properly understood and applied by those mathematicians who are acquainted with the use of this notation: it is not intended for the practice of such

as SEARCH, and NO CONJURER, who have shewn themselves alike incapable of ascertaining its meaning, or disproving its application. These gentlemen have evidently mistaken the expression  $0^0$ , for  $\frac{0}{2}$ , as is plain from what has been asserted in the Monthly Magazine, where it is said (vol. 1. p. 126), "In England our mathematicians are content with making nothing divided by nothing equal to unity." From this assertion we may reasonably conclude, that the writer of it was as little acquainted with the principles of the method he attempted to controvert, as the "*farmer's pigs*," which he supposes "*nobody* let into the garden."

As this solution may fall into the hands of the gentlemen alluded to, who, however expert they may be in weaving metaphors, or detecting imaginary errors, are certainly not quite infallible in forming mathematical deductions; I shall prove that the result of the above equation will be the same  $\left(\frac{a^2}{2}\right)$  whether we use the expression  $0^0$ , or its equal 1.

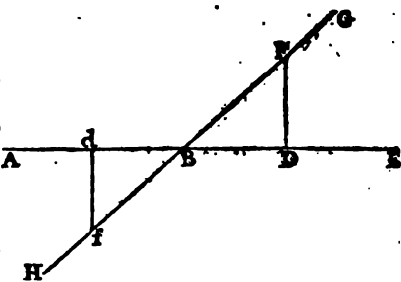
Multiply the equation by  $x$ , and we have  $x^2 - \frac{x^2 + n^2 a^2 \times x^{2n}}{n-1} = xy$ ; make  $n = \frac{1}{2}$ , and it will be  $x^2 - \frac{x^2 + \frac{1}{4}a^2 \times x}{-\frac{1}{2}} = xy$ , or  $y = x - \frac{x + \frac{1}{4}a^2 \times 1}{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , equal, when  $x = 0$ , to  $-\frac{\frac{1}{4}a^2 \times 1}{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{a^2}{2}$  as before.

Hence, then, it appears, that the mode of expression, against which these sagacious reasoners have raised such a clamour, is consistent in itself, and rational in its application; and it may be observed, that real mathematicians are too well acquainted with its use to be prevailed upon to discard it, because every "*dabbler*" may not at first sight be able to apprehend its utility.



If the equation  
in the 20th ques-  
tion, No. 2, had  
been  $\frac{bx-ab}{c}=y$ ;

the locus would  
have been the rt.  
line GH cut-  
ting the right line  
AE in the given



angle ABH, where  $AB=a$ ,  $AD=x$ ,  $FD=y$ ; and  
BD to BF in the given ratio of  $c$  to  $b$ ; or when  $bx$   
is less than  $ab$ ; Bd to df in the given ratio of  $c$   
to  $b$ .

But the author\* of a book lately published, has  
pronounced DF ( $y$ ) impossible when  $bx$  is less than  
 $ab$ : his reason for this it is not difficult to perceive, as  
he has, in several parts of the work, given abundant  
reason for presuming that he knows of no other use  
of the negative sign than that of subtracting a less  
quantity from a greater.

*It was also answered by Mr. Swale.*

#### XX. QUESTION 68, answered by Mr. Gompertz.

1. Let the radii of the arcs BC, BA (fig. 194, pl.  
13.) be denoted by  $r$  and  $f$ , the constant distance  
AC by  $b$ , the versed-fines, corresponding to arcs  
similar to BC, BA, to radius unity, by  $x$  and  $v$ , and  
the arcs themselves by A and B. Then the arc  
 $BC=rA$ , and the arc  $BA=fB$ ; alio,  $DC=rx$ ,  
and  $AD=fv$ ; theref.  $rx+fv=b$ , and  $2r^2x-r^2x^2=$   
 $BD^2=2f^2v-f^2v^2=2f(b-rx)-(b-rx)^2$ ; theref.  
 $x=(2ab-2rb-b^2)\div r(2a-2b)$ , and  $v=(2ab-2fb$   
 $-b^2)\div f(2a-2b)$ ,  $a$  being  $=r+f$ ; let us now put  
 $(2ab-b^2)\div(2a-2b)=c$ , and  $2b\div(2a-2b)=d$ ,

\* May we not justly suppose that this author, is the same per-  
son who styles himself "NO CONJURER," in the Monthly  
Magazine.

and we shall have  $x=c \div r-d$ , and  $v=c \div f-d$ ; theref.  $\dot{r}=-\dot{f}$ ,  $\dot{x}=-c\dot{r} \div r^2$ , and  $\dot{v}=c\dot{r} \div f^2$ ,  $\dot{A}=-c\dot{r} \div r^2 \sqrt{(2x-x^2)}$ ,  $\dot{B}=c\dot{r} \div f^2 \sqrt{(2v-v^2)}$ . But  $rA + fB$  is an extreme value, that is,  $\dot{r}A + r\dot{A} + \dot{f}B + f\dot{B} = 0$ ; this, by substitution and reduction becomes,  $A-c \div r^2 \sqrt{(2x-x^2)} + c \div f^2 \sqrt{(2v-v^2)} - B = 0$ ; but, from the equations above, it is easy to exterminate any three of the four quantities  $r, f, x, v$ , and by this means all the four quantities will become known.

2. The notation remaining as before, only  $A$  and  $B$ , in this case, denoting the areas of segments similar to  $BCD$ ,  $BAD$ , to radius unity, we shall have the area  $DBC=r^2A$ , the area  $BAD=f^2B$ ,  $\dot{A}=\dot{x} \sqrt{(2x-x^2)}=-c\dot{r} \sqrt{(2x-x^2)} \div r^2$ ,  $\dot{B}=c\dot{r} \sqrt{(2v-v^2)} \div f^2$ , and  $\dot{A}r^2 + 2r\dot{r}A + \dot{B}f^2 + 2f\dot{f}B = 0$ , and from this equation, as in the first case, the values of  $r, f, x$ , and  $v$ , may be found.

3. Let  $p$  denote the latus rectum of the parabola, the abscissa  $AD=pv$ , and  $A$  the arc of a parabola similar to  $AB$ , whose latus rectum is unity,  $B$  the arc of a circle similar to  $BC$ , to radius unity, and  $C$  the area of a segment similar to  $BCD$ , to radius unity. Hence  $DC=rx$ ,  $pv+rx=a$ ,  $p^2v=2r^2x-r^2x^2$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}p^2v^{\frac{3}{2}}+r^2C=b$ , the given area; whence  $p=(a-rx) \div v$ ,  $(a-rx)^2 \div v=2r^2x-r^2x^2$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}(a-rx)^2 \div v^{\frac{1}{2}}+r^2C=b$ ; therefore  $\frac{4}{3}(a-rx)^4 \div (b-r^2C)^2 = v = (a-rx)^2 \div (2r^2x-r^2x^2)$ , and therefore  $\frac{2}{3}(a-rx)^2 = (b-r^2C) \div \sqrt{(2x-x^2)}$ .

From this last equation,  $r$  may be found in terms of  $x, C$ , and known quantities, and from thence  $v$  and  $p$ . Again, since  $\dot{C}=\dot{x} \sqrt{(2x-x^2)}$ , we may easily find  $\dot{r}, \dot{v}$ , and  $\dot{p}$ , in terms of  $\dot{x}$  multiplied by values expressed by  $x, C$ , and known quantities,

which values let us represent by R, P, and Q, that is,  $\dot{r} = R\dot{x}$ ,  $\dot{v} = P\dot{x}$ ,  $\dot{p} = Q\dot{x}$ . But  $AB = pA$ ,  $BC = rB$ , and  $\dot{A}B + \dot{B}C = 0$ ; therefore  $Q \cdot A + P \cdot p \sqrt{1 + 1 \div 4 v} + R \cdot B + r \div \sqrt{(2x - x^2)} = 0$ , a finite equation, in terms of circular arcs and logarithms.

Q. E. I.

*Scholium.* In the same way, as in the last case, may the Prize Question in Ladies' Diary, 1741, be solved. Thus AB being found, as in the Diary, = 44.945, &c. let  $p$  represent the latus rectum of the parabola sought,  $AS = py$ ,  $VS = py^2$ , and A the arc of a parabola whose ordinate is  $y$ , and latus rectum unity. Hence  $AV = pA = 44.945 = a$ , and  $p^2 y^3$ , or  $y^3 \div A^2$ , a maximum, which being fluxed, and  $\dot{y} \sqrt{1 + 4y^2}$  substituted for  $\dot{A}$ , its equal, we shall have, by reduction,  $3A = 2y \sqrt{1 + 4y^2}$ , that is, because  $A = \frac{1}{2} y \sqrt{1 + 4y^2} + \frac{1}{4} H. L. (2y + \sqrt{1 + 4y^2})$ , H. L.  $(2y + \sqrt{1 + 4y^2}) = \frac{2}{3} y \sqrt{1 + 4y^2}$ , and therefore  $y = .9731$ ,  $A = 1.42$ , &c.  $p = 31.65$ , &c.  $py = AS = 30.8$ , &c.

*Mr. Swale answered it.*

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## ARTICLE LVII.

*We have been favoured with the following solution, from Caput Mortuum,\* to Question 46, proposed in No. II. to which, we had not before received any that was satisfactory.*

**T**HIS question, in its present form, is indeterminate, because the angle depends on the direction of the tangent. But that being given, an an-

\* We intreat the favour of this able Gentleman's future correspondence, whose communications shall have all due deference and regard paid to them.

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swer may be derived from what follows. Let  $CE$ ,  $CP$ , (fig. 195, pl. 13.) be the equatorial and polar semi-axes of the spheroid;  $EP$ ,  $AP$ , two meridians passing through the two given points  $D$ ,  $R$ ; and  $dp$ ,  $rp$ , the two corresponding meridians on a sphere whose centre is  $C$ . Draw the verticals  $RQ$ ,  $DB$ ; and the radii  $rC$ ,  $dC$ , parallel to  $RQ$ ,  $DB$ , respectively. Then will the latitudes of the points  $R$ ,  $r$ ;  $D$ ,  $d$ , and diff. of longitude, be respectively the same on both figures. And because  $rC$  is parallel to  $RQ$ , and  $dC$  to  $DB$ , the planes of the horizons at  $R$ , and  $D$ , will be parallel to the planes of the horizons (or planes touching the sphere) at  $r$  and  $d$ . Therefore, if  $RN$  be a tangent on the spheroid, making a given angle ( $NRP$ ) with the meridian  $RP$ , and  $rn$  a tangent on the sphere, making the same angle ( $nrp$ ) with  $rp$ , those tangents will be parallel to each other, and when produced, will meet the opposite planes, or horizons at  $D$ , and  $d$ , in equal angles, because parallel lines cut parallel planes in equal angles. Hence, the computed angle on a sphere will answer the conditions on a spheroid.

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ARTICLE LVIII.

MATHEMATICAL QUESTIONS,

(To be answered in Number VII.)

I. QUESTION 89, by Mr. Newton Bosworth.

THE side of the greatest equilateral triangle that can be inscribed in the generating circle of a cycloid=16.—It is required from hence to determine the content of the solid formed by a rotation of the cycloid about the tangent parallel to its axis?

II. QUESTION 90, by a Gardener.

Having lately purchased a rectangular garden, whose length is 100, and breadth 80 yards, I wish

to make a gravel walk therein, of equal width along the middle lengthwise, and across one end of the breadth, so as to take up just 1-20th part of the garden. But being unskilled in figures, I shall be obliged to any of the ingenious correspondents to the Repository to inform me, what the width of the walk must be?

### III. QUESTION 91, by Mr. John Johnston.

If an egg, in the form of a spheroid, whose longer axis is 2 inches, and the lesser axis 1 inch, be let fall into a conical glass, filled with water to within half an inch of the top, whose diameter is 2, and altitude 4 inches; it is required to determine how much water will run over?

### IV. QUESTION 92, by Mr. John Harris.

In the pleasant vale of Towy, near Caermarthen, lies a fertile semicircular meadow, containing 20 acres, which is the equal property of three neighbouring gentlemen, who have agreed to divide it into three equal parts, by fences to be made from a watering place in the diameter, at 6 chains distance from the centre. Now the surveyor they have employed for the purpose of dividing it, not being able to effect it by means of scale and compass, and being, like most of his profession, unskilled in calculation, humbly solicits some gentleman, more ingenious than himself, to inform him what angles the fences must make with the diameter, and what it will come to at 6d. per yard fencing?

### V. QUESTION 93, by Mr. Harris.

A friend of mine has a small field in the form of the segment of a circle containing 9 acres, and worth 40l. per acre, the versed sine of which is 2 chains. Now, in its present form, he finds it very inconvenient for cultivation, and has, therefore, agreed with the

the owner of the adjoining field, on the curve side, to have it laid out in a square form, beginning at one corner of the segment. But his neighbour's land, for want of proper cultivation, and other circumstances, being worth only 30*l.* per acre, he requests some ingenious gentleman, whose labours so eminently adorn the Repository, to favour him with the plan and content of the intended division, so that neither party may be injured.

VI. QUESTION 94, by Mr. Bulmer.

In the lat. of  $51^{\circ} 32'$  N. I found the sum of the sun's altitude and declination  $= 69^{\circ} 48'$ , and the sum of his azimuth from the north and the hour angle  $= 156^{\circ} 53'$ . *Quere* the time when the observation was made, the declination being north?

VII. QUESTION 95, by the Rev. Mr. L. Evans.

If the transverse axis of a given ellipsis revolve around one of the foci, so, that one end may always be in the periphery; it is required to find the equation, &c. of the curve which is the *locus* of the other end of the axis?

VIII. QUESTION 96, by Mr. Ralph Simpson, taken from Dr. Hutton's *Select Exercises*.

A very large vessel, of 10 feet high (no matter of what shape), being kept constantly full of water, by a large supplying cock at top; if nine small circular holes, each  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch diameter, be opened in its perpendicular side at every foot of the depth; it is required to determine the several distances to which they will spout on the horizontal plane of the base, and the quantity of water discharged by all of them in ten minutes?

IX. QUESTION 97, by Mr. J. H. Swale.

There are two right lines BP, PG, given by position, and meeting in P; in which are two given points

points B, D, and in a direct line between them a point A. From D, a body *d* moves in the line DG, towards G, with a given celerity. Now suppose a body *a* remain stationary at A; it is required to determine with what celerity a body *b* must move in the line BP, so that the three bodies *d*, *a*, *b*, may be always in a right line, so long as *b* continues below A with respect to P?

*X. QUESTION 98, by Mr. Thornoby.*

Suppose a globe resting between two inclined planes, which cut one another at right angles; it is required to find what proportion of the pressure each plane sustains, the length and perpendicular altitude of each plane being given?

*XI. QUESTION 99, by Mr. Thornoby.*

Three posts,  $A=5$ ,  $B=4.5$ ,  $C=4$  feet long, are set erect upon the horizon, at the distances  $AB=9.5$ ,  $BC=9$ ,  $CA=8.5$  feet; three rafters,  $AD=7.15$ ,  $BD=6.65$ ,  $CD=6.15$  feet long, are placed on these, and unite at the top D; it is required to find how far the point, perpendicularly under D, in the horizontal plane, is from the bottom of each post?

*XII. QUESTION 100, by Astronomicus.*

To find the declination of that star which changes its declination the greatest quantity possible in passing over the interval contained between two given hour circles, in a given latitude.

*XIII. QUESTION 101, by Mr. Richard Nicholson.*

Given the base and  $\perp$  of a plane  $\Delta$  to construct it when the rectangle of the sides is equal to twice the rectangle of the segments of the base made by the line bisecting the vertical angle.

*XIV.*



*XIV. QUESTION 102, by Mr. M. A. Harrison.*

Given the rectangle of the segments of the base made by the point of contact of the inscribed circle, the  $\perp$ , and the difference of the segments of the base made thereby to construct the plane  $\Delta$ .

*XV. QUESTION 103, by Mr. Swale.<sup>1</sup>*

Given the vertical angle, the segment of the line bisecting it, made by perpendiculars from the extremities of the base, and the difference of the sides to construct the  $\Delta$ .

*XVI. QUESTION 104, by Mr. Swale.*

Given the sum of the squares of the sides and the difference of the segments of the base made by the  $\perp$ , to construct the  $\Delta$  when the solid under the square of the  $\perp$  and base is a maximum.

*XVII. QUESTION 105, by Mr. W. Peacock.*

Given the base, the difference of the sides, and the segment intercepted between the vertex and a  $\perp$  from one of the  $\angle$ 's at the base upon the opposite side, to construct the plane  $\Delta$ .

*XVIII. QUESTION 106, by Mr. Louis Hill.*

Given the difference of the sides, the  $\perp$ , and the ratio of the segments of the base made thereby to construct the triangle.

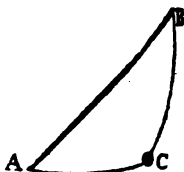
*XIX. QUESTION 107, by Mr. John Lowry.*

Given the vertical angle, the area, and the distance between the centre of the inscribed circle and the centre of a circle touching the base and the continuation of the two sides to construct the plane  $\Delta$ .



## XX. QUESTION 108, by Mr. Lowry.

Given the length of the rod AB, and the length of the string ACB, on which slides freely the ring of heavy metal C; to find the nature of the curve described by the ring while the rod revolves A with an uniform velocity about the angular point A.



## XXI. PRIZE QUESTION 109, by Mr. Lowry.

Given the perpendicular of a plane triangle, to construct it when the base passes through a given point within a given circle, and terminates in the circumference; and the ratio of the squares of the two sides is the same as the ratio of the segments of the base made by the given point.

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 ARTICLE LIX.

*Demonstrations to Dr. Stewart's Propositions proposed in ARTICLE XXXII.*

PROP. XIX. THEO. XVI. Fig. 133, Plate 9.

*Demonstrated by Dr. Small.*

LET there be any number,  $m$ , of straight lines AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. given by position, intersecting one another in the point A, and let  $a, b, c, d$ , &c. be given magnitudes, as many in number as there are lines given by position, two straight lines AX, AY, may be found which will be given by position, such, that if from any point F there be drawn FB, FC, FD, FE, &c. perpendicular to AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. and FX, FY, perpendicular to AX, AY,

FB<sup>2</sup>

$$FB^2 + \frac{b}{a}FC^2 + \frac{c}{a}FD^2 + \frac{d}{a}FE^2 \&c. = \frac{a+b+c+d}{2a}(FX^2 + FY^2).$$

Let  $m=4$ . Let  $G$  be the centre of the circle which passes through the points  $A, B, C, D, E$ , and  $F$ ; and let  $H$  be the centre of gravity of weights proportional to the magnitudes  $a, b, c, d$ , placed at the points  $B, C, D$ , and  $E$ . Join  $GH$ ; and let  $XY$ , at right angles to  $GH$  in  $H$ , meet the circumference of the circle  $ABDF$  in  $X$  and  $Y$ :  $AX, AY$  are the lines required to be found.

For it may be shewn, just as in Theo. 12. by means of a lemma similar to the 3d, that  $AX$  and  $AY$  make given angles with  $AB$ , and are therefore given in position. But by Theo. 7.

$$GB^2 + \frac{b}{a}GC^2 + \frac{c}{a}GD^2 + \frac{d}{a}GE^2 \&c. \frac{a+b+c+d}{a}GX^2 =$$

$$HB^2 + \frac{b}{a}HC^2 + \frac{c}{a}HD^2 + \frac{d}{a}HE^2 = \frac{a+b+c+d}{a}GH^2.$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{a+b+c+d}{a}GX^2 = \frac{a+b+c+d}{2a}(GX^2 + GY^2) =$$

$$\frac{a+b+c+d}{a}(GH^2 + HX^2), \text{ by Prop. 1. Therefore,}$$

$$HB^2 + \frac{b}{a}HC^2 + \frac{c}{a}HD^2 + \frac{d}{a}HE^2 = \frac{a+b+c+d}{a}HX^2.$$

$$\text{Again by Theo. 7. } FB^2 + \frac{b}{a}FC^2 + \frac{c}{a}FD^2 + \frac{d}{a}FE^2 =$$

$$HB^2 + \frac{b}{a}HC^2 + \frac{c}{a}HD^2 + \frac{d}{a}HE^2 + \frac{a+b+c+d}{a}HF^2; \text{ therefore,}$$

$$FB^2 + \frac{b}{a}FC^2 + \frac{c}{a}FD^2 + \frac{d}{a}FE^2 = \frac{a+b+c+d}{a}(HX^2 + HF^2),$$

$$\text{or, since } HX^2 + HF^2 = \frac{1}{2}(FX^2 + FY^2),$$

$$FB^2 + \frac{b}{a}FC^2 + \frac{c}{a}FD^2 + \frac{d}{a}FE^2 = \frac{a+b+c+d}{2a}(FX^2 + FY^2).$$

*The same Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry, Fig. 159, Pl. 11.*

Let there be any number of right lines AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. given by position, intersecting each other in the point A, and let  $a, b, c, d,$  &c. be given magnitudes, as many in number as there are right lines given by position; two right lines AY, AZ may be found which will be given by position, such, that if from any point X, there be drawn the perpendiculars XB, XC, XD, XE, &c. to the right lines AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. given by position, and likewise XY, XZ perpendiculars to AY, AZ, the two lines found; the square of XB, together with the space to which the square of XC has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of XD has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of XY, XZ, has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c,$  &c.

Join AX, and bisect it in Q; with the centre Q and distance QX, or QA, describe a circle intersecting the given lines in B, C, D, E, &c. Find the point V, as in Prop. X. for the points B, C, D, E, &c. and the given magnitudes  $a, b, c, d,$  &c. Join VQ, and at right angles thereto, draw YVQ, meeting the circle in Y and Z; join AY, AZ, and they will be the two right lines that were to be found.

Join QB, QC, QD, QE, &c. VB, VC, VD, VE, &c. and VX, QY, QZ; XB, XC, XD, XE, &c. and XY, XZ, being joined, will be perpendicular to AB, AC, AD, AE, &c. and AY, AZ, respectively.

By Prop. X. the square of QB, together with the space to which the square of QC has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of QD has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , together with the space to which the square of QE has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $d$ , and so on, that  
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is, the space to which the square of the semidiameter QY of the circle has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, d, \&c.$  is equal to the square of VB, together with the space to which the square of VC has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of VD has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , together with the space to which the square of VE has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $d$ , and so on, together with the space to which the square of VQ has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, d, \&c.$  But the square of the semidiameter QY is equal to the sum of the squares of VY, VQ. Therefore the space to which the sum of the squares of VY, VQ, has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, d, \&c.$  is equal to the square of VB, together with the space to which the square of VC has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of VD has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , together with the space to which the square of VE has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $d$ , and so on, together with the space to which the square of VQ has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, d, \&c.$  that is, the space to which the square of VY has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, d, \&c.$  is equal to the square of VB, together with the space to which the square of VC has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of VD has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , together with the space to which the square of VE has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $d$ , and so on.

Again, by Prop. X. the square of XB, together with the space to which the square of XC has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of XD has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , together with the space to which the square of XE has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $d$ , and so on, is equal to the square of VB, together with the space to which the square of VC has the same ratio that

$a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $VD$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , together with the space to which the square of  $VE$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $d$ , and so on, together with the space to which the square of  $VX$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, d, \&c.$  Therefore the square of  $XB$ , together with the space to which the square of  $XC$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $XD$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , together with the space to which the square of  $XE$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $d$ , and so on, is equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of  $VX, VY$ , has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, d, \&c.$  But  $YZ$  is bisected in  $V$ ; therefore (by Prop. II. Cor.) the sum of the squares of  $XY, XZ$ , is equal to twice the sum of the squares of  $VX, VY$ . Therefore the square of  $XB$ , together with the space to which the square of  $XC$ , has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $XD$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , together with the space to which the square of  $XE$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $d$ , and so on, is equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of  $XY, XZ$ , has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, d, \&c.$

*The same Demonstrated by Mr. Swale, Fig. 197, Pl. 14.*

Let there be any number of right lines  $AB, AC, \&c.$  given by position, intersecting each other in the point  $A$ , and let  $a, b, \&c.$  be given magnitudes, as many in number as there are right lines  $AB, AC, \&c.$  given by position; two right lines  $QR, ST$ , may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point  $P$  there be drawn the perpendiculars  $PB, PC, \&c.$  to the right lines  $AB, AC, \&c.$  given by position, and likewise there be drawn  $PF, PG$ , perpendiculars to  $QR, ST$ , the two lines  
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found, the square of PB, together with the space to which the square of PC has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , and so on, will be equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of PF, PG, has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, d$ , &c.

Suppose two lines AB, AC, to be given by position, and intersecting each other in the point A.

From any point P, demit the perpendiculars PB, PC, and join BC; take BD to DC as  $b$  to  $a$ , and join PD; make DE perpendicular to BC, and let it meet a semicircle described thereon in E; in PD, take PI = DE; make DF, IG, perpendiculars to PD, and equal to PD, PI, respectively, and join PF, PG. Perpendicular to the lines PF, PG, given by position, draw QR, ST, given also by position, and they will be two such lines as were required to be found.

For,  $a$  times the square of PB, together with  $b$  times the square of PC, is equal to the multiple of the square of PD by the sum of  $a, b$ , together with the multiple of the rectangle BDC by the sum of  $a, b$ , that is, equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of PD, DE (PI) by the sum of  $a, b$ . Therefore, the square of PB, together with the space to which the square of PC has the same ratio that  $a$ , has to  $b$ , is equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of PD, PI, has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$ ; that is, equal to the space to which twice the sum of the squares of PD, PI, has the same ratio that twice  $a$ , has to the sum of  $a, b$ . But (by construction) twice the sum of the squares of PD, PI, is equal to the sum of the squares of PF, PG. Therefore the square of PB, together with the space to which the square of PC has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , is equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of PF, PG, has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$ .

*Note.* The extension of the above method to any



number of lines at pleasure, is sufficiently manifest to an intelligent reader.

*Cor.* Let there be any number of right lines given by position intersecting each other in a point; two right lines may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point there be drawn right lines in given angles to all the right lines given by position, and likewise there be drawn perpendiculars to the two lines found, the sum of the squares of the lines drawn in given angles to the right lines given by position, will be equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the two lines found has a given ratio.

PROP. XX. THEO. XVII. Fig. 161, Plate 11.

*Demonstrated by Mr. Lowry.*

Let there be any number of right lines AB, BC, CD, DA, &c. that are neither all parallel nor intersecting each other in one point, and let  $a, b, c, \&c.$  be given magnitudes as many in number as there are right lines given by position; two right lines PY, PZ, may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point X there be drawn the perpendiculars XE, XF, XG, XH, &c. to the right lines AB, BC, CD, DA, &c. given by position, and XY, XZ perpendiculars to PY, PZ, the two right lines found, the square of XE, together with the space to which the square of XF has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of XG has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of XY, XZ, has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c, \&c.$  together with a given space.

From the point X draw XE, XF, XG, XH, &c. perpendiculars to the right lines AB, BC, CD, DA, &c. given by position, and let the point Q be found

as in Prop. X. for the points E, F, G, H, &c. and the given magnitudes  $a, b, c$ , &c. From the intersection A, of two of the right lines given by position, draw AI, AK, &c. parallel to the rest of the lines BC, CD, &c. given by position. Then, by Prop. XIX. let two right lines AR, AL, be found for the point X, the right lines AB, AK, AI, AD, &c. and the given magnitudes  $a, b, c$ , &c. Draw XR, XL, perpendiculars to AR, AL; and through Q draw SQT perpendicular to XSL; take QT equal to QS, and draw TY parallel to SX, meeting XR, produced if necessary, in Y; draw YQ, and let it meet XL in Z; then, if YP, ZP, intersecting each other in P, be drawn parallel to AR, AL, they will be two such lines as were required.

It is shew'd in the same manner as in Prop. XVI. (by referring to Prop. X. and XIX. instead of Prop. IX. and XV.) that the square of XE, together with the space to which the square of XF has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of XG has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, is equal to the square of PM, together with the space to which the square of PN has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of PO has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, is equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of XY, XZ, has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ , &c. But the point P has been found in the construction; therefore the right lines PM, PN, PO, &c. are given. And therefore the square of PM, together with the space to which the square of PN, has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of PO has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, is equal to a given space; therefore the square of XE, together with the space to which the square of XF has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of XG has the same

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same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, is equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of  $XY$ ,  $XZ$ , has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. together with a given space.

*The same Demonstrated by Mr. Swale.*

Let there be any number of right lines  $BG$ ,  $CH$ ,  $DI$ , &c. (fig. 198, pl. 14,) given by position, that are neither all parallel nor intersecting each other in one point, and let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. be given magnitudes, as many in number as there are right lines  $BG$ ,  $CH$ ,  $DI$ , &c. given by position; two right lines  $TP$ ,  $RL$ , may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point  $A$  there be drawn  $AB$ ,  $AC$ ,  $AD$ , &c. perpendiculars to the right lines  $BG$ ,  $CH$ ,  $DI$ , &c. given by position, and likewise there be drawn  $AP$ ,  $AL$ , perpendiculars to  $TP$ ,  $RL$ , the two right lines found, the square of  $AB$ , together with the space to which the square of  $AC$ , has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $AD$ , has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , and so on, will be equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of  $AP$ ,  $AL$ , has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , &c. together with a given space.

Let there be three right lines  $BG$ ,  $CH$ ,  $DI$ , given by position, and from any point  $A$ , let fall the perpendiculars  $AB$ ,  $AC$ ,  $AD$ . Join  $BC$ , and take  $BE$  to  $EC$  as  $b$  to  $a$ ; join  $AE$ ,  $DE$ , and take  $EF$  to  $FD$  as the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ , to  $c$ ; join  $AF$ , and make  $FK$  perpendicular to  $DE$ , meeting a semicircle described thereon in  $K$ : in  $AE$  take  $AN = FK$ ; draw  $FL$ ,  $NP$ , perpendiculars and equal to  $AF$ ,  $AN$ , respectively; join  $AL$ ,  $AP$ , and draw  $LR$ ,  $PT$ , perpendicular thereto, and they will be two such lines as were required.

For  $a$  times the square of  $AB$ , together with  $b$  times the square of  $AC$ , is equal to the multiple of the

the square of  $AE$  by the sum of  $a, b$ , together with the multiple of the rectangle  $BEC$  by the sum of  $a, b$ ; and  $c$  times the square of  $AD$ , together with the multiple of the square of  $AE$  by the sum of  $a, b$ , is equal to the multiple of the square of  $AF$  by the sum of  $a, b, c$ , together with the multiple of the rectangle  $EFD$  by the sum of  $a, b, c$ . Therefore  $a$  times the square of  $AB$ , together with  $b$  times the square of  $AC$ , together with  $c$  times the square of  $AD$ , is equal to the multiple of the square of  $AF$  by the sum of  $a, b, c$ , together with the multiple of the rectangle  $EFD$  by the sum of  $a, b, c$ , together with the multiple of the rectangle  $BEC$  by the sum of  $a, b$ , that is, equal to the multiple of the sum of the squares of  $AF, FK$  ( $AN$ ), by the sum of  $a, b, c$ , together with the multiple of the rectangle  $BEC$  by the sum of  $a, b$ . Therefore, the square of  $AB$ , together with the space to which the square of  $AC$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $AD$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , is equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of  $AF, AN$ , has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ , together with the space to which the rectangle  $BEC$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$ , that is, equal to the space to which twice the sum of the squares of  $AF, AN$ , has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b, c$ , together with the space to which twice the rectangle  $BEC$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to the sum of  $a, b$ . But twice the sum of the squares of  $AF, AN$ , is equal to the sum of the squares of  $AL, AP$ , by construction, and the rectangle  $BEC$  is a given space, and  $a, b$ , are given magnitudes. Therefore, the square of  $AB$ , together with the space to which the square of  $AC$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $b$ , together with the space to which the square of  $AD$  has the same ratio that  $a$  has to  $c$ , is equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of  $AL, AP$ ,  
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has the same ratio that twice  $a$  has to the sum of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , together with a given space.

*Note.* The above is easily extensible to any greater number of lines.

*Cor.* Let there be any number of right lines given by position, that are neither all parallel, nor intersecting each other in one point; two right lines may be found that will be given by position, such, that if from any point there be drawn right lines in given angles to all the right lines given by position, and likewise there be drawn perpendiculars to the two lines found, the sum of the squares of the lines drawn in given angles to the right lines given by position, will be equal to the space to which the sum of the squares of the perpendiculars drawn to the two lines found, has a given ratio, together with a given space.

#### ARTICLE LX.

*Animadversions on some Remarks in the Preface to Mr. Howard's Treatise on Spherical Geometry, by Mr. John Lowry.*

*To the Editor of the Mathematical Repository.*

SIR,

I Have observed a note at page VIII. of Mr. Howard's pompous preface to his *Elements of Spherical Geometry*, lately published, where he asserts that the 1st Cor. to Prop. XVI. of *Lucubrations in Spherics*, at page 93 of your *Repository*, is *wrong solved as well as that proposition*. Now, sir, as I believe that proposition and its corollaries to be perfectly true, and Mr. Howard's assertion to be false, I must beg leave to make a few remarks on the subject: hoping that your known zeal for the cause of truth will induce you to allow them a place in the next number of the *Repository*.—This I request, as well for the credit of that work, as for the sake of my own reputation.—I am, Sir, your humble Servant,

JOHN LOWRY.

*Birmingham, May 1, 1798.*

**M**R. HOWARD at Theo. V. Book IV. says, "the greatest great circle spherical triangle AIQ (fig. 199, pl. 14.) that can possibly be contained under two given arches, and any other arch joining their extremities will be when the given arches IA, AQ make right angles with each other." This I deny. I say the the greatest triangle will be that which is inscribed in a circle, the unknown side being the diameter.

To demonstrate his proposition Mr. *Howard* proceeds thus:—  
 "Lay off  $LA=AQ$ , and draw through I and LQ the equal parallel circles IB, LQ. With AI as radius, and pole A describe the arch IE, through any point E therein, draw AE, also through Q, E, draw QE and produce it to meet IB in B; join B, O and O, E."

He then proves that the triangle AIQ is greater than the triangle AEQ; and this I grant to be true as long as the point E is taken to the right of AI, for the angle included by the given arches cannot be less than a right angle; but if E be taken on the left of AI Mr. *H's* demonstration fails. This will easily appear by continuing the arch IE to E', and conceiving the two equal and parallel circles EG, AmQ to be drawn, the former touching the arch EIE' at E' and meeting AI (continued) in G, and the latter passing through the points A, Q: let AE', QE', and QG be joined. Then since the circles IE', E'G touch at E' the arch AE' is perpendicular to the two equal and parallel circles E'G and AmQ, therefore the point G falls without the arch E'I and AG is greater than AI, and therefore the triangle QAE', or its equal the triangle AGQ, is greater than the triangle AIQ. It is also evidently greater than any other triangle on the same base AQ, and whose vertex falls in the arch EIE'; therefore when the triangle is a maximum the arch E'A is not perpendicular to the arch AQ, but to the two equal and parallel circles AmQ, E'G. This is also evident from Cor. Prob. VIII. Book VI. or Book II. of the application, for CB (see Mr. *Howard's* figures) will be perpendicular to the two equal and parallel circles aV and CIA, but not to the great circle CAQ, as is there very absurdly asserted.

It remains yet to prove that the triangle AE'Q is inscribed in a circle.

Draw QP perpendicular to AmQ (fig. 200, pl. 14,) and through the points E', P describe a great circle, then AE' is  $\equiv$  QP, and  $AQ=E'P$ , therefore the figure AE'MPQA is a rectangle, and the angle E'AQ is the angle of a rectangle, and therefore the triangle AE'Q (by Mr. *H's* own principles) is inscribed in a circle, the unknown side thereof, E'G, is the diameter; consequently the XVI. Prop. of *Spherical Lucubrations* in the *Mathematical Repository* is true, and so is the 1st Cor. and the curve that under a given perimeter includes the greatest spherical surface is

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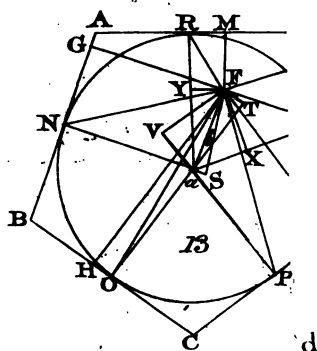
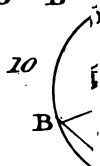
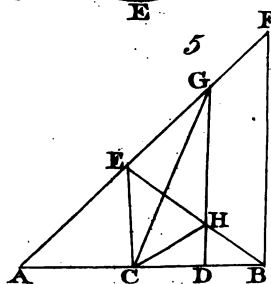
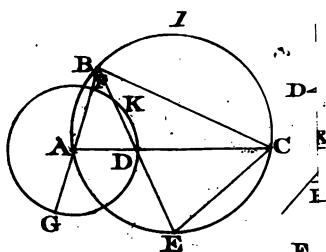
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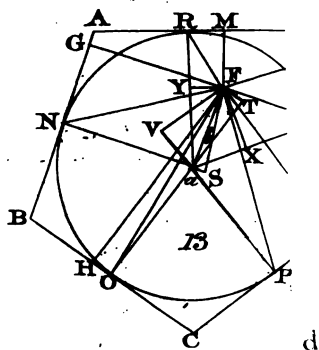
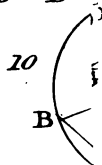
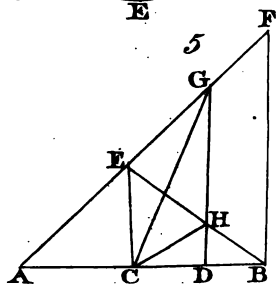
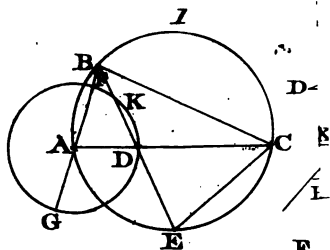
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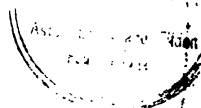
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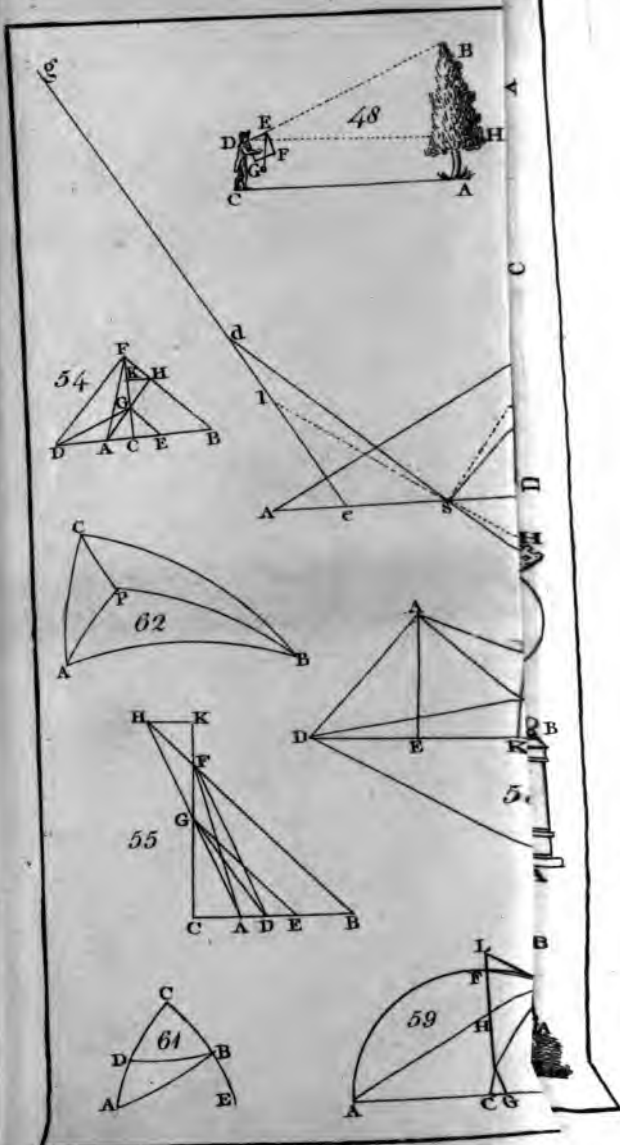




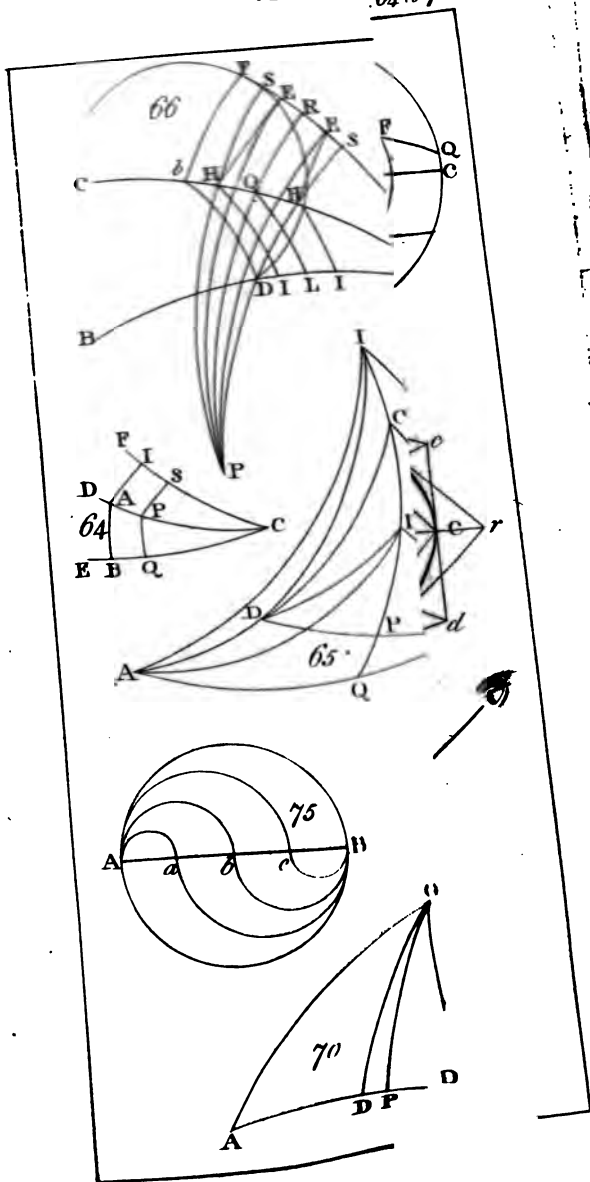


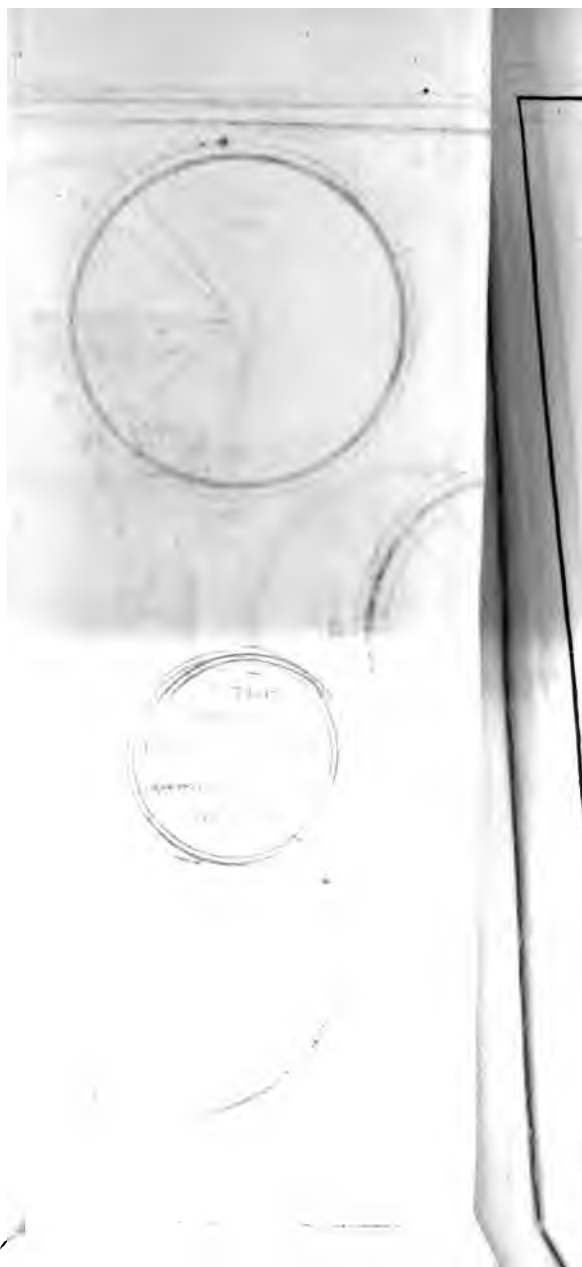


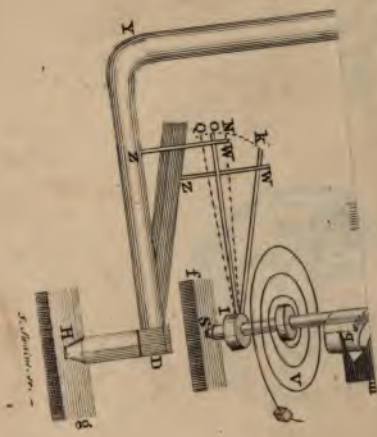




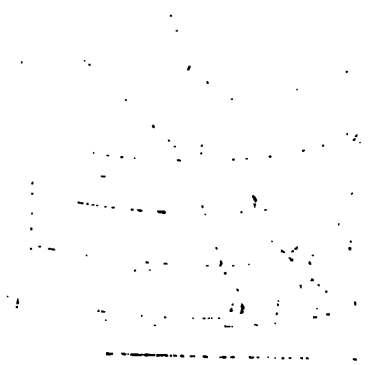
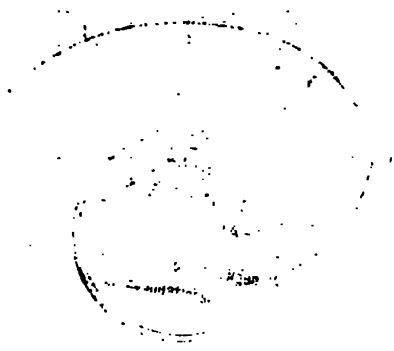


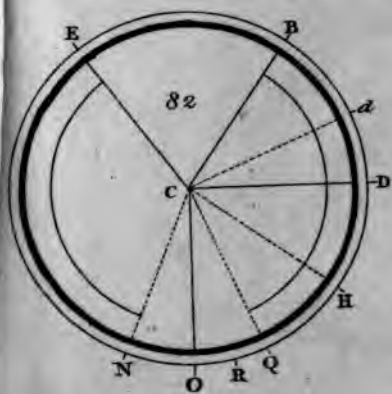
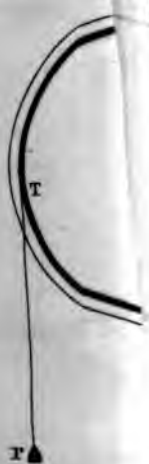
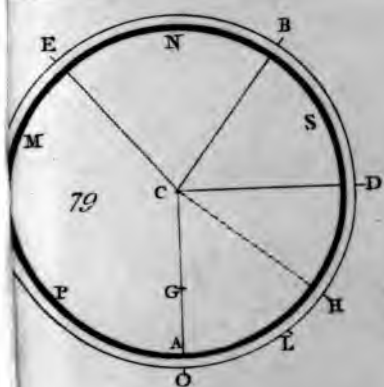












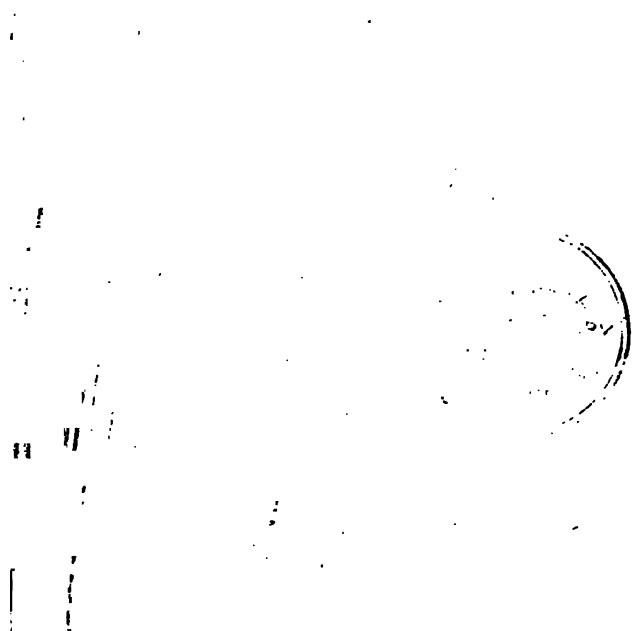
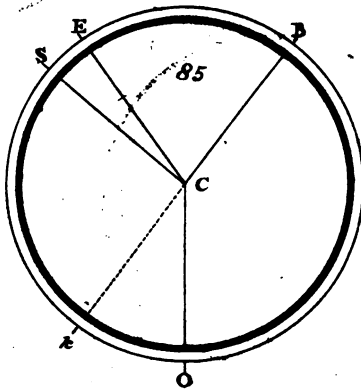
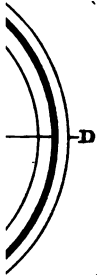
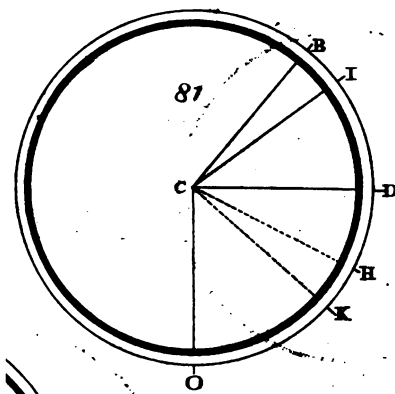
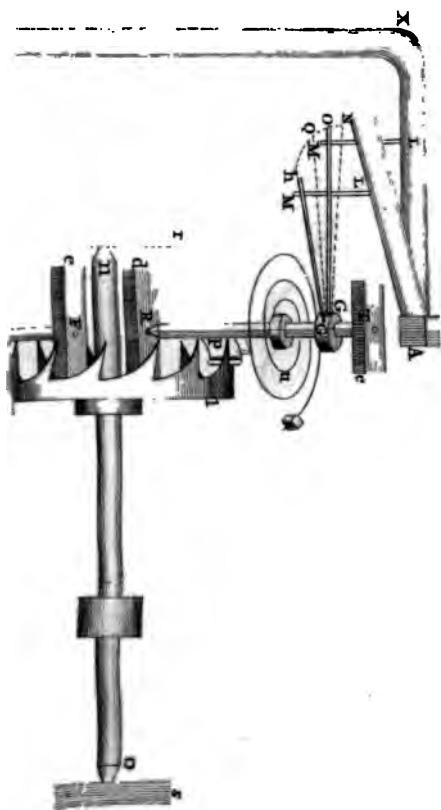
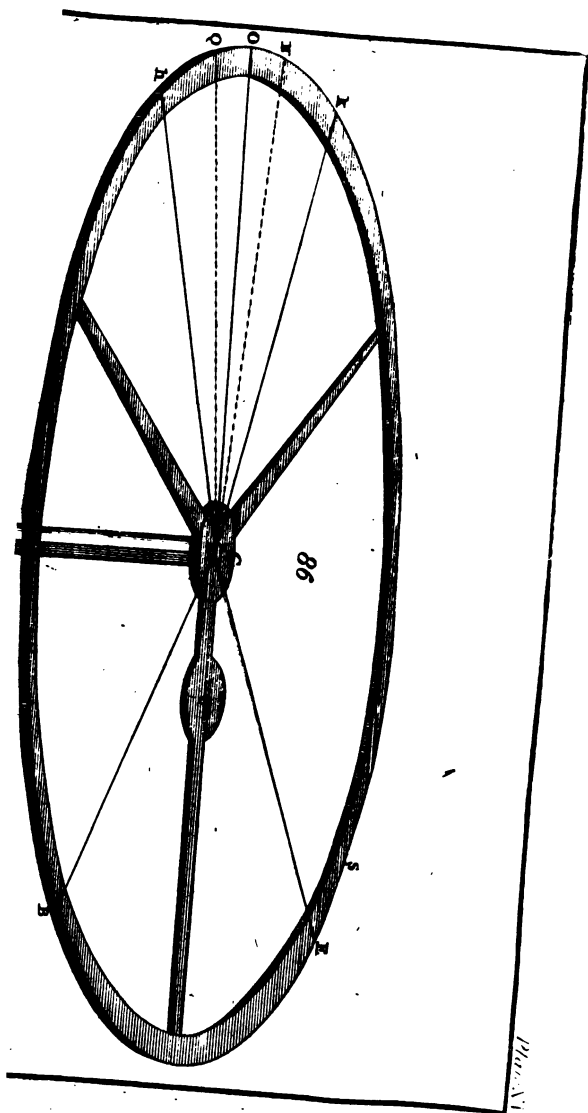
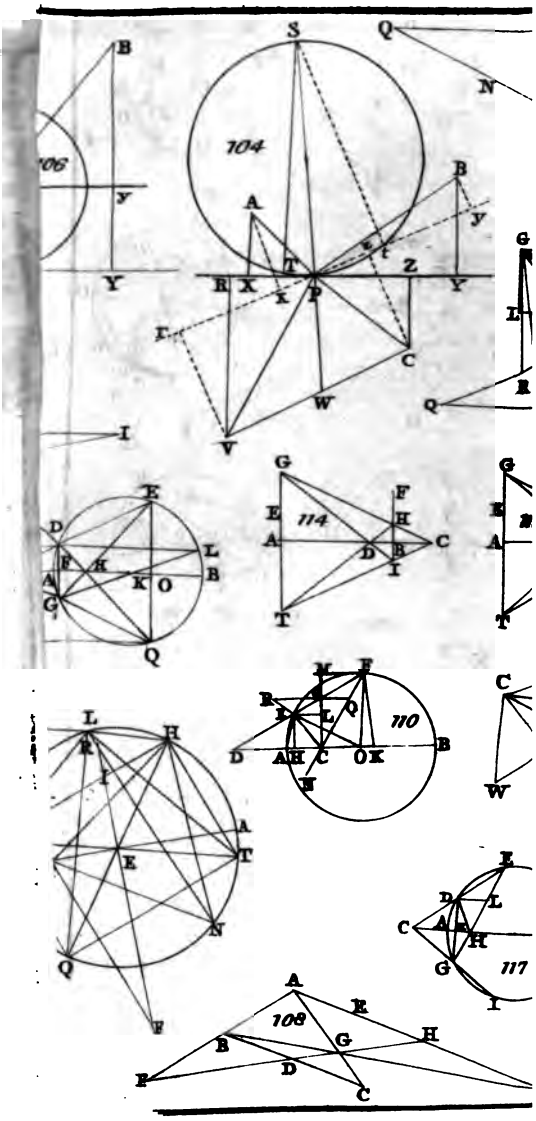


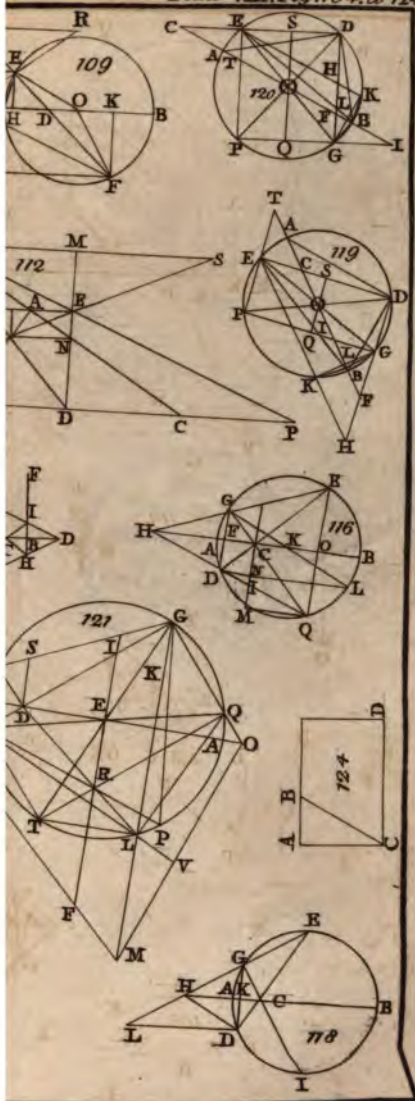
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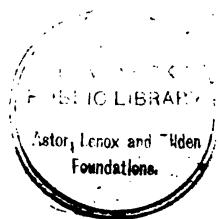


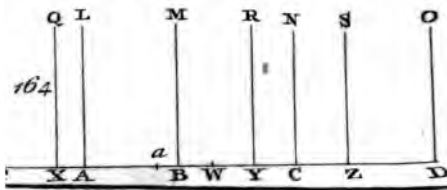
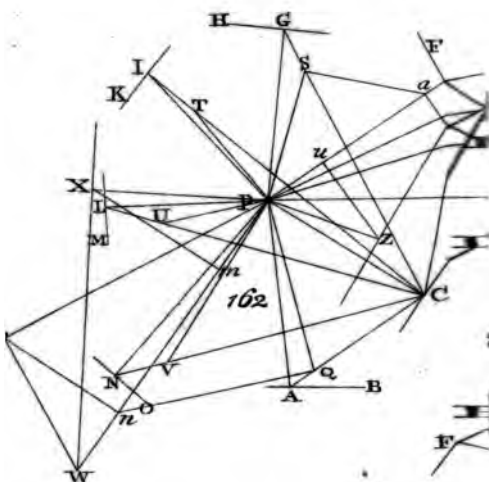
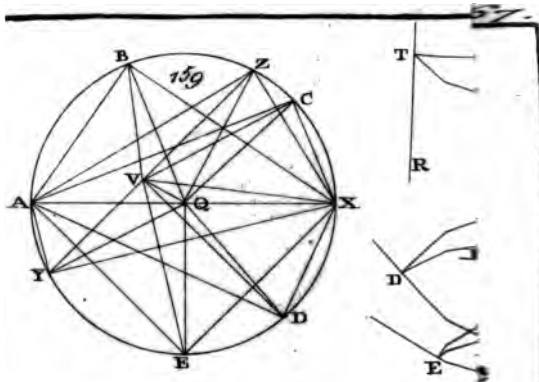






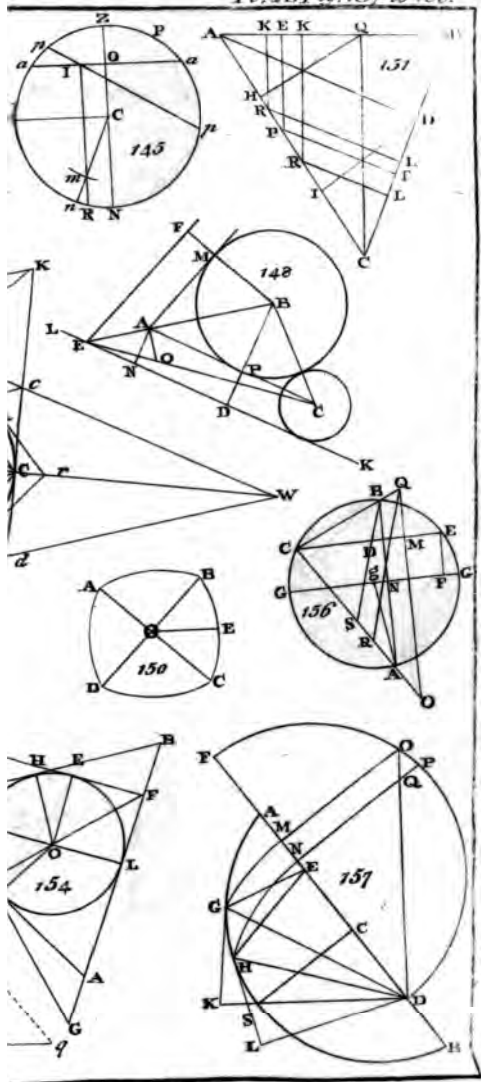


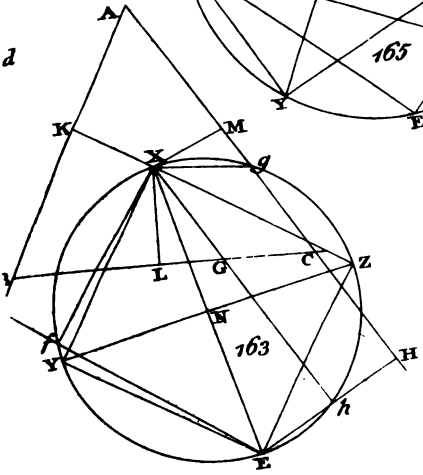
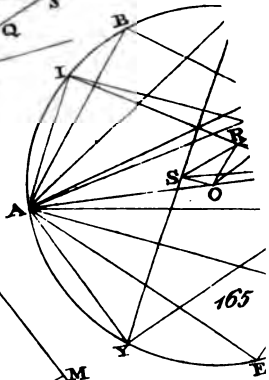
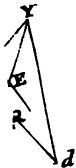
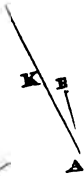
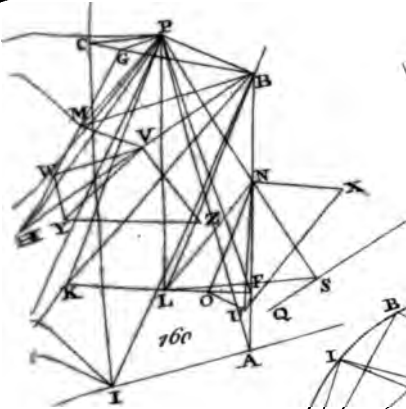




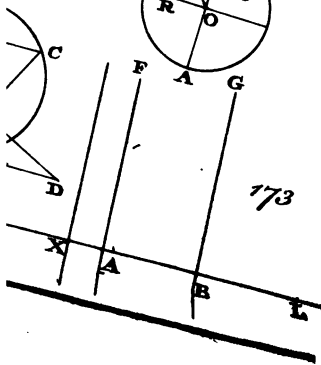
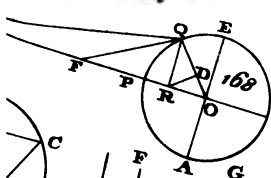
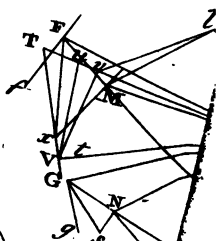
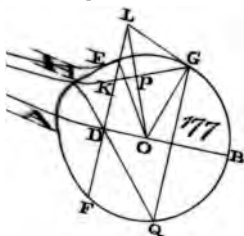
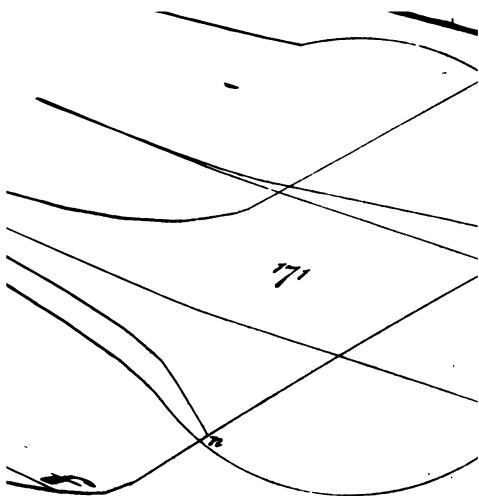


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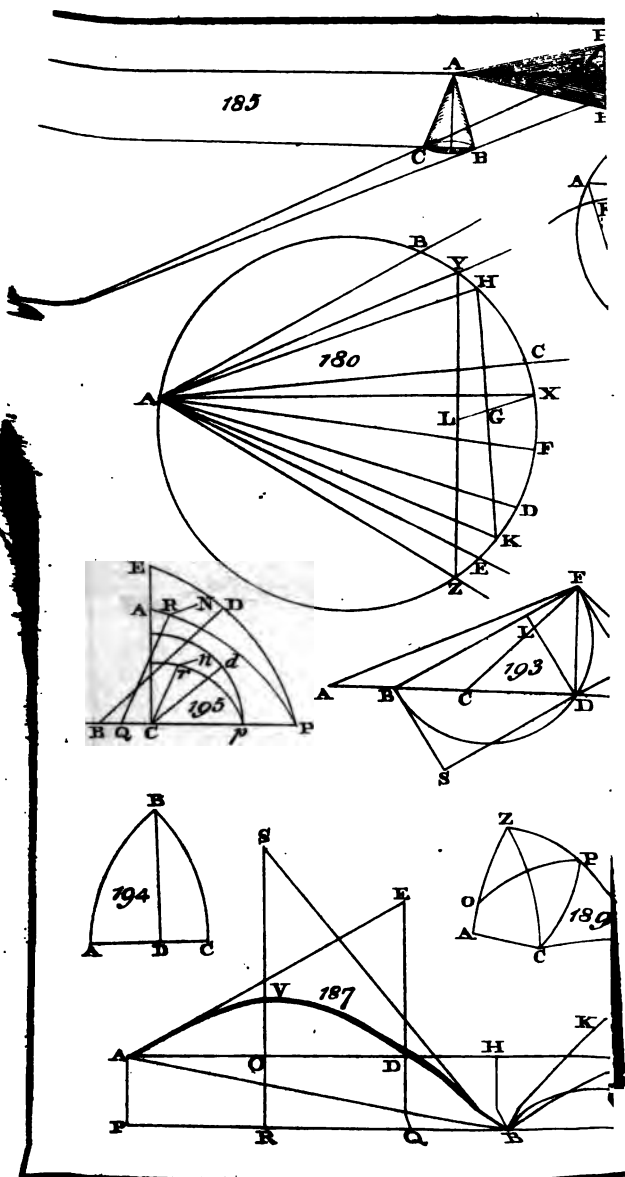




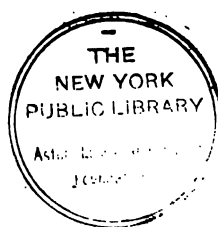
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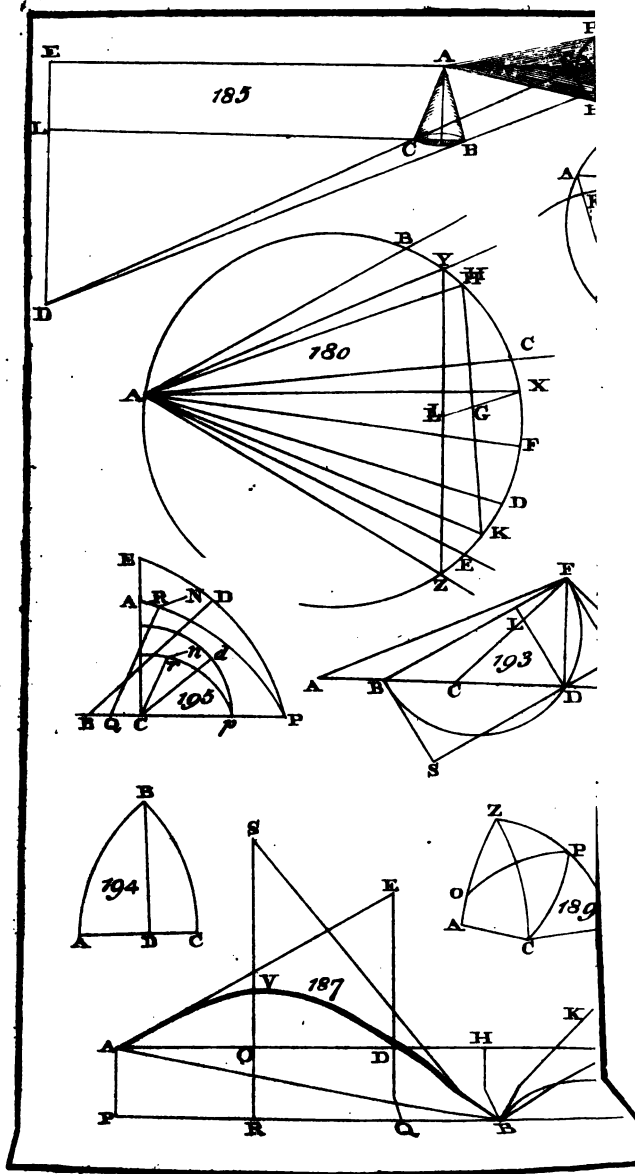








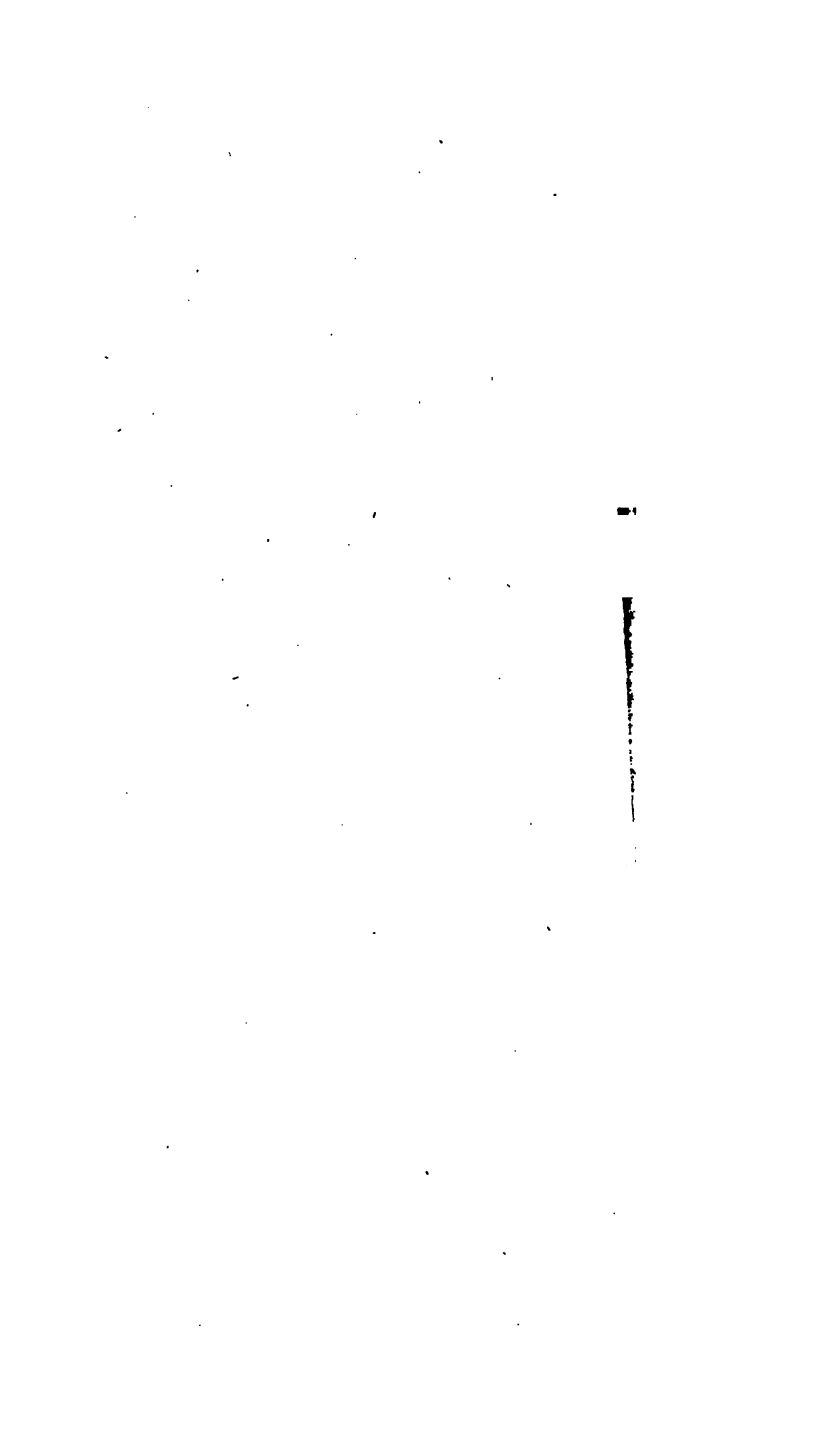












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